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Get Cash For Your Containers At The Freds Pass Show

Territorians and visitors will be able to see the Northern Territory Government’s planned Cash for Containers scheme in action as part of a special demonstration at the Freds Pass Show.

Empty drink containers purchased at the show this Saturday can be cashed in for a refund of 10 cents per container, until the tally reaches $5000.

The Howard Springs Scouts will operate the Cash for Containers trial on Saturday only, offering refunds for empty containers bought on the day at Freds Pass including soft drink cans, flavoured milk containers and fruit juice bottles.

Environment Minister Alison Anderson said the trial would give a glimpse of how this scheme will work when it is implemented. On Saturday, cashing in a few cans could help pay for an extra ride or showbag at the show.

The Territory Government is still developing the model for the scheme, but it will be based on South Australia’s highly successful model. It’s expected Cash for Containers will be operational in the Territory by the start of 2011, with 10 cent refunds being offered for containers.

“Cash for Containers will help get litter off our streets and away from public places and will give some extra cash to those who do the right thing and trade in their containers,” Ms Anderson said.

“Putting Cash for Containers in place across the Territory will also give kids and community groups a chance to raise funds.”

Ms Anderson said there is now a website offering information on Cash for Containers in the Territory. Go to www.cashforcontainers.nt.gov.au

The Cash for Containers trial at Fred’s Pass is being funded by a $5000 Northern Territory Government grant through the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport.

The trial will be located at Site 10, near the Display Hall, at Freds Pass Showgrounds, operating from 9am until 6pm.

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