



HOW TO INCREASE REUSABLES

The **4B's** are choices that we make everyday as business owners or customers. To increase reusables, we need to facilitate these choices by making the choice easy, attractive and satisfying.

- 1. BREAK FOR 5 MIN: Encourage your customers to dine in, minimising single-use items.
- BRING YOUR OWN (BYO): Encourage customers to BYO reusable takeaway cups, bottles and bags. Establish systems to accept and promote BYO.
- **3. BORROW:** Offer borrowable reusable options.
- **4. BUY:** Sell reusable items with incentives like refills and in-store promotions, encouraging ownership.



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HOTELS

COFFEE CUPS

For hotels, focus on implementing a Borrow Cup system:

- **Self-managed:** Cups are hotel property, ensuring guests return them at check-out to avoid charges; OR
- **Externally managed:** Partner with third-party provider for cup tracking and management via an app. Participating businesses handle washing, while the provider facilitates cup redistribution.

WATER BOTTLES

- Provide self-managed reusable water bottles in rooms, prominently placed for guest convenience.
- Ensure bottles are easy to clean and sanitise, with clear in-room signage, bottle tags and guest communications indicating 'free to borrow/pay to keep'.
- Alternatively, offer refillable aluminium bottles with a Port Douglas Refill Map QR code and Reuse/Refill message, but charge if removed from the room.
- Ensure there are bottle refill stations on the hotel grounds (ie. lobby, hotel floor) or attractive refill taps in hotel rooms.

BAGS

- Offer self-managed reusable bags, such as grocery and/or shopping bags, in hotel rooms, positioned prominently for guest use ie. back of hotel door or kitchen bench.
- Use clear messaging, such as 'free to borrow/pay to keep' bag tags, signage, guest communications or hotel branding, to encourage reuse.



TOURISM

COFFEE CUPS

For Tourism Destinations in Port Douglas with on-site cafes:

- Join Port Douglas's Borrow Cup system for tourists to borrow reusable coffee cups and use the thirdparty app provided for cup tracking and management. Cafes handle washing, while the provider manages cup redistribution.
- Focus on increasing dine-in opportunities for tourists with a 'break for 5' (minutes). Reserve tables for tour groups to reduce single-use takeaway. Promote messages, incentives, or unique opportunities to encourage dine-in over single-use takeaway.

For Tour Operators visiting cafes:

• Allow enough time for your patrons to 'break for 5' and enjoy a dine-in coffee and meal with a glass of water during your tour. Coordinate with the café to reserve a table for your arrival time.

WATER BOTTLES

For Tourism Destinations:

- Accept tourist's BYO reusable water bottles for refills on-site.
- Sell empty reusable water bottles on-site for tourists to buy, such as branded or unbranded stainless steel or glass bottles, with free water refills on-site.

For Tour Operators:

• Encourage your tourists to BYO reusable water bottles to refill on tour and/or provide a mobile bottle refill station on tour.

BAGS

For Tourism Destinations:

- Accept tourist's BYO reusable bags.
- Sell reusable bags for tourists to buy, they can be branded or unbranded, accompanied with instore promotions.

For Tour Operators:

• Encourage your tourists to BYO reusable bags on tour (ie. for shopping at souvenir stores or visiting shopping destinations)





CAFES

COFFEE CUPS

- Support participating hotels and customers by implementing the borrow cup system to provide both locals and tourists an option to borrow, swap or return reusable cups.
- For cafes in Port Douglas, partner with a third-party provider for cup tracking and management via an app. Participating cafes handle washing, while the provider facilitates cup redistribution.
- Consider ways to incentivise a 'break for 5' minutes, e.g., a reserved short-term breakout bench close to the coffee machine for quick dine-in service. Maintain the area with clear signage and prompt clearing.
- Actively encourage and promote increased use of Bring Your Own (BYO) reusable takeaway coffee cups.
- Sell reusable takeaway coffee cups for customers to buy with in-store offers and promotions.

WATER BOTTLES

- Accept customer's BYO water bottles for refills in-store.
- Sell reusable empty water bottles for customers to buy, such as branded or unbranded stainless steel or glass bottles (similar to your table water bottles, with lids), with free refills.
- All bottle options should be advertised with free refills.
- Make a refill station with reusable cups easily accessible for customers so they can 'break for 5 and get hydrated while they wait for their coffee.

BAGS

• Ask regular customers to BYO reusable bags when making takeaway orders.





INCENTIVES TO INCREASE BYO REUSABLE CUPS

- BYO loyalty cards
- BYO cup discounts, discounted Happy Hour or special branded café cup discount offers
- Bring a BYO Buddy to enter draw to win incentives
- Print or stamp a 'BYO cup next time' reminder message on single-use cups
- Publicly promote your business reusable BYO targets
- Apply a single-use cup surcharge