

Battery Round-up Challenge – Competition Terms & Conditions

1. Cook Shire Council

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2. Competition Name

Battery Round-up Challenge (the “Competition”).

3. Competition Period

The Competition opens on Friday 7 August 2026 and closes at 4 pm on Saturday 31 October 2026.

All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) unless otherwise stated.

4. Eligibility

- i. Entry is open to residents, households, schools, community groups and sporting clubs located within the Cook Shire local government area.
- ii. Entrants may enter as one of the following categories:
 - Household
 - School
 - Community Group or Sporting Club
- iii. An individual entering on behalf of a school, community group or sporting club must be authorised to do so.
- iv. Entrants under 18 years of age must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

5. How to Enter

Entry is free. No purchase is necessary.

To enter the Competition, eligible entrants must:

- i. Collect eligible household batteries during the Competition Period.
- ii. Safely transport the batteries to a participating Cook Shire Council Waste Transfer Station during normal operating hours.
- iii. Present the batteries to Council Waste Transfer Station staff before depositing them into the battery collection unit.
- iv. Council Waste Transfer Station staff will inspect the batteries to ensure they are suitable for recycling under the Competition.
- v. Eligible batteries will be weighed by Council Waste Transfer Station staff.
- vi. Council Waste Management Coordinator will calculate the number of Competition entries based on the quantity and type of eligible batteries or battery-containing products, and verified by Council Waste Transfer Station staff as outlined in section 8 of these Terms and Conditions.

- vii. The battery weight, corresponding number of Competition entries and entrant details will be recorded on the official Entry Form.
- viii. Council Waste Transfer Station staff will sign or initial the record to verify the entry.
- ix. The entrant must ensure their details have been correctly recorded before leaving the Waste Transfer Station.
- x. Batteries deposited without first being presented to Council Waste Transfer Station staff for weighing and recording are not eligible for the Competition.
- xi. Entrants may make multiple battery drop-offs throughout the Competition Period. Each drop-off will be weighed, recorded and verified separately.

6. Eligible Batteries

- i. The Competition accepts common portable household batteries, including:
 - AA
 - AAA
 - C
 - D
 - 9V
 - Button and coin batteries
 - Rechargeable household batteries
 - Lithium-ion household batteries
 - Power tool batteries
 - Batteries from household electronic devices
 - Electronic goods where battery cannot be removed but it is rechargeable (portable speakers, battery packs, electric tooth brushes, toys, fit bits etc.
 - Vapes and e-cigarettes
 - Other battery types accepted through Council’s battery recycling program.
- ii. The following are not accepted:
 - Automotive batteries
 - Industrial batteries
 - Commercial battery waste
 - Damaged, leaking, swollen, smoking or unsafe batteries
 - Any battery type not accepted by the participating recycling program.
- iii. Council reserves the right to refuse any battery considered unsafe or unsuitable.

7. Battery Safety and Acceptable Conduct

- i. Entrants must safely store and transport batteries.
- ii. For your own safety, terminals of lithium, rechargeable, button, coin and 9V batteries should be taped before transport.
- iii. Batteries should be transported in a non-metal container wherever practicable.
- iv. Damaged or unsafe batteries must not be deposited into Competition collection bins.
- v. Entrants must not:
 - a) remove batteries from existing recycling collection points;
 - b) collect batteries unlawfully;
 - c) dismantle devices unsafely;
 - d) submit commercial battery waste; or
 - e) engage in unsafe or illegal behaviour.
- vi. Participation is entirely at the entrant's own risk.
- vii. Council may reject any entry where unsafe practices have occurred.

8. Allocation of Competition Entries

- i. Competition entries will be allocated according to the quantity and type of eligible batteries or battery-containing products accepted and verified by Council Waste Transfer Station staff.
- ii. Entries will be allocated as follows:
 - Loose household batteries including rechargeable household batteries: **1 entry for every 100 grams accepted.**
 - Eligible products containing an embedded or non-removable battery: **1 entry per item.**
 - Eligible larger rechargeable batteries, including removable power-tool, e-bike or e-scooter batteries: **1 entry per battery.**
- iii. An eligible battery or product may only be counted once. Council will determine the applicable entry category where an item could reasonably fall within more than one category.
- iv. Partial weights will be calculated proportionately or rounded in accordance with Council's approved competition procedure. Where multiple deliveries are made, all weights are totalled, for a final number of entries.
- v. Council Waste Transfer Station staff will:
 - inspect the batteries or battery-containing products;
 - confirm their eligibility and applicable entry category;
 - weigh loose batteries where required;
 - calculate the number of Competition entries;
 - record the entrant's details, verified weight or item quantity, and corresponding number of entries on the Official Entry Form; and
 - verify the record by signing or initialling the Official Entry Form or Competition register.
- vi. The entrant must review the recorded information and complete and sign the Official Entry Form to confirm their entry.
- vii. The weight, item quantity and number of entries recorded and verified by Council staff will be the official

record for the Competition and will be final, subject to clause 8.viii.

- viii. Council may audit Competition records and correct any clerical, calculation or administrative error before the prize draw.
- ix. No entries will be allocated for batteries or products that are ineligible, unsafe to handle, improperly presented or not accepted by Council.

9. Prize Draw

- i. Each verified Competition entry recorded under Clause 8 represents the verified number of entries into the prize draw.
- ii. Winners will be selected by random draw following the close of the Competition.
- iii. The prize draw will take place at Cook Shire Council's Administration Office.
- iv. Council's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

10. Prizes

- i. Prizes include:
 - a. **First Prize**
 - \$750 Visa Debit Card, and
 - \$250 Waste Transfer Station Voucher
 - b. **Second Prize**
 - \$250 Visa Debit Card, and
 - \$250 Waste Transfer Station Voucher
 - c. **Third Prize**
 - \$250 Waste Transfer Station Voucher
 - d. Total prize pool valued at **\$1,750.00**
- ii. Prizes are not transferable.
- iii. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash.
- iv. Prizes may be substituted by Council with a prize of equal or greater value if required.
- v. Any prize awarded to a school or community organisation will be awarded to that organisation, not an individual representative.

11. Winner Notification and Publication

- i. Winners will be notified by telephone within seven (7) days of the Competition closing.
- ii. Winners may also be announced on Council's website, social media channels and other promotional material.
- iii. If a winner cannot be contacted after reasonable attempts within fourteen (14) days, Council may conduct a redraw.
- iv. Where a winning entrant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must accept the prize on their behalf.

12. Publicity

- i. By accepting a prize, winners consent to Council using their name, suburb or community, photographs and prize presentation images for promotional purposes associated with the Competition.
- ii. Where a winner is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian consent will be obtained before any identifying information or photographs are published.

13. Privacy

- i. Council collects personal information for the purpose of administering the Competition, verifying entries, contacting entrants and winners, awarding prizes and reporting Competition outcomes.
- ii. Information will be managed in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) and Council's Privacy Statement available at <https://www.cook.qld.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Privacy-Statement-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>
- iii. Individuals may request access to their personal information.

14. General

- i. Council is not responsible for lost, late or incomplete entries.

- ii. Council may verify eligibility and request evidence supporting an entry.
- iii. Council may disqualify any entrant who provides false or misleading information or breaches these Terms and Conditions.
- iv. Council reserves the right to amend, suspend or cancel the Competition where circumstances beyond its control prevent the Competition from proceeding.
- v. Council accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury arising from participation in the Competition except where required by law.

15. Contact

- i. For queries, contact Cook Shire Council at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or by calling (07) 4082 0500 during office hours.