



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Reverse vending machines hailed a huge success**

Locals have embraced the 'Return and Earn' Container Deposit Scheme, with a staggering 211,799 containers recycled from the Wauchope facility in its first month.

Hastings Co-op's chief executive officer Allan Gordon hailed the reverse vending machines a huge success to date and congratulated the community on its commitment to environmental sustainability.

"It's amazing that almost 212,000 containers have been recycled through the machines outside our Bulk Fuel Depot alone between February 8 and March 8, which goes to show we care about the environment and support the State Government's call to reduce litter," he said.

"The community's support has been overwhelming and I think that's because we all recognise that initiative like this will benefit the community now and well into the future."

Visiting the reverse vending machines has become a weekly routine for many locals, and Mr Gordon reminded visitors to always supervise children, not park in the path of vehicles wanting to use the Bulk Fuel Depot's bowlers and exercise "common sense and courtesy" towards other recyclers.

Since being installed numerous improvements have been made, including new road base, the installation of cameras and a large skip bin for rubbish that can't be recycled through the machine and twice daily collections and cleaning of the site.

"Please be aware that dumpers will be prosecuted and wherever possible, any containers that can't be processed by the reverse vending machines should be taken back home for your yellow bin," Mr Gordon said.

"Please don't leave rubbish, such as boxes, bags and rejected containers behind and read the signs carefully so only applicable containers are put through the machines."

Reverse vending machine users can donate their refund to selected charities, receive a refund to their Paypal account or collect credit vouchers that can be redeemed for cash or used towards groceries at Hastings Co-op's IGA supermarkets in Wauchope, Timbertown and Port Macquarie.

If people experience a problem with the reverse vending machines, they should call TOMRA Cleanaway on 1800 290 691.

To find out about turning your trash into cash one bottle at a time visit the Container Deposit Scheme website at [www.nswcds.com.au](http://www.nswcds.com.au).

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**CAPTION 1 –**

**Turning trash into cash one bottle at a time: Cassidy Langdon presents her vouchers to Timbertown SUPA IGA employee Melissa Ward.**



**CAPTION 2 –**

**Keen recyclers: Visiting the reverse vending machines in High Street, Wauchope has become a weekly ritual for Cassidy and Noah Langdon.**

