

November 2023 Community Update

LEOPOLD CONTAINER DEPOSIT IS OPEN

It is very exciting to announce that the Victorian Government Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) began on the 1st of November, with our very own container deposit machine at Gateway Plaza here in Leopold by TOMRA Cleanaway.

The Container Deposit Scheme means that local residents can now receive a 10c refund for every eligible drink carton, can or bottle recycled through a deposit machine. It's important to remember not to crush cans or remove the label, and if possible, leave lids on containers.

There is a 'CDS Vic West' app available that allows the refund to be sent straight to your bank account or PayPal account, or you can donate to a local charity. This app also allows for you to check to see if a container is eligible for the refund, and to keep track of how much you've earned from recycling.

If you do not wish to use the app, a physical voucher can be printed and this can be redeemed at participating supermarkets as a discount off groceries or can be exchanged for cash. Leopold is linked to Coles supermarkets.

This is also an exciting opportunity for local community groups, sporting clubs, environmental groups and educational organisations to raise funds in a new way, when people choose to donate their refund.

Charities and not-for-profit organisations can now register via cdsvic.org.au/donation-partner-registration.

This is a great opportunity to help clean up our environment. This scheme will maximise the number of cans, bottles and cartons being recycled into new products, and encourage the reduction of our litter in the Bellarine.

Get your family and friends involved and see how many drink containers you can collect to receive a refund!

More information about CDS Vic can be found at www.cdsvic.org.au.

