

Media Release

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CDS Vic brings recycling to the heart of Melbourne's CBD

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is this week installing a large format CDS Vic Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) refund point in Melbourne's CBD, the first of its kind in a CBD across Australia.

Starting from next week residents and visitors can cash in their eligible drink containers at the RVM in Federation Square, Russell Street Extension, Melbourne.

It joins two small-format RVMs operated by North Zone Operator Visy located in Secure Parking car parks on Queen Street and Mackenzie Street.

CDS Vic commenced on 1 November 2023, and Victorians have returned over 1.3 billion containers across the State.

Those wanting to cash in their eligible drink containers can bring them to the Federation Square RVM and receive a refund of 10 cents per container. The refund can be redeemed as a cash voucher refundable at Coles supermarket, via an electronic funds transfer, or as a donation to a charity.

This week Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos officially opened this newest addition to the CDS Vic network of refund collection points.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos

"Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme aimed to be the most convenient and accessible scheme in the country, making it easier than ever to recycle across our state. This latest installation is just one of many ensuring all Victorians can participate in the scheme."

"More than 90.2 million containers were returned over Christmas and the New Year period across the state through Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme – which is a record high. We're already seeing the strong participation continue through January to start 2025 off strong, and I couldn't be prouder of Victoria's recycling efforts".

Quotes attributable to VicReturn CEO, Jim Round

"Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is going from strength to strength, with more than 600 return points across the state. The new Reverse Vending Machine at Federation Square will allow those within reach of the CBD to give their drink containers a second life."

Quotes attributable to Visy General Manager, CDS Vic North Zone Operator, Tim O'Donnell*"We're thrilled to bring more recycling locations to the heart of Melbourne, making recycling easier for visitors, residents, and workers in the city every day."*

To find out more about Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme visit www.cdsvic.org.au

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Notes for editors

About Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme: <https://cdsvic.org.au/>

About CDS Vic North Zone: <https://www.visy.com/services/container-deposit-scheme>

About CDS Vic

CDS Vic aims to reduce litter by up to half while maximising the number of cans, cartons, glass and plastic bottles recycled into new products.

CDS VIC North Zone Operator, Visy works alongside the scheme coordinator, VicReturn to manage refunds to customers and donation partners and ensure proper recycling of containers.