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FROM ROMSEY TO ROD LAVER ARENA: LOCAL TENNIS WINS BIG THROUGH VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Romsey Tennis Club has served up a major win – not just on the court, but through their commitment to sustainability and fundraising.

As the top-performing club in a recent competition ran by Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme and Tennis Victoria, four players were rewarded with an unforgettable experience: attending the Australian Open Men's Singles Final and receiving an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.

Romsey Tennis Club **has raised over \$1,800 to date** since Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme launched in November 2023, with more than 18,000 eligible drink containers returned through the scheme. The funds have supported much-needed updates of three ageing courts. With more work to be done, the club is now fundraising to replace its two final courts.

"Winning the prize was an incredible moment for our club," said Deborah Rees, Romsey Tennis Club Treasurer.

"We're only a small club, but this competition showed that success isn't about size – it's about having dedicated members who are willing to do the work. All our members are proud of what we've achieved, and the prize was well deserved.

"Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme has provided a valuable, easy way to generate income for our club without having to ask for direct donations. Beyond fundraising, it's also helped us build stronger ties with the local community, including partnerships with local businesses," she added.

The partnership between Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme and Tennis Victoria continues to drive positive environmental and financial benefits for the tennis community, said Jim Round, CEO of VicReturn, scheme coordinator of Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme.

"Romsey Tennis Club's success story is a shining example that any club, big or small, can benefit from Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme.

"Clubs, schools and not-for-profit groups can register to be part of the scheme and encourage their community to start collecting. It's a win for the club and it's a win for the environment," Mr Round said.



Help Romsey Tennis Club turn recyclables into revenue by returning eligible containers at your nearest refund point and choosing to donate your refund to the club. Alternatively, get in touch with the club to arrange container collection.

To find out more about CDS Vic and locate your nearest refund point, visit cdsvic.org.au.

About Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme:

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is a recycling initiative offering a 10-cent refund for each eligible drink container returned at hundreds of refund points across Victoria.

Funded by contributions from the beverage industry, the scheme will contribute to Victoria's target of diverting 80 percent of all material away from landfill by 2030 and represents a significant milestone in our journey towards a circular economy.

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