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## KELLYVILLE GETS RETURN AND EARN REVERSE VENDING MACHINE

One of the state's first reverse vending machine kiosks is now in full operation at Kellyville Plaza.

"This is great news for the Castle Hill electorate" said Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams. Local residents are now able to easily return eligible containers and receive a 10-cent cash refund".

Residents will be able to choose to donate their refund directly to selected charities, receive an electronic transfer using PayPal, get their refund in cash from Woolworths or use a credit voucher towards their shopping.

Schools, charities, community and sporting groups can fundraise through Return and Earn, simply by collecting eligible containers and redeeming them at collection points.

Shelley Brackley, Committee Chairperson for 1st Kellyville Scouts stated "Our troop has always been involved in environmental initiatives like Clean Up Australia Day, however now, we can "do the right thing" and fundraise at the same time".

Community groups can not only collect containers, but they can also ask community members to donate their containers to their organisation. Eligible groups can also become a collection point or have their organisation listed on the reverse vending machines for the public to donate their refunds to.

Mrs Brackley encouraged all local residents to visit the kiosk next time they need to go shopping. "Give it a go" she said. "It's quite fun for the kids while also serving an important purpose for our community and the environment".

Drink containers eligible for the 10-cent refund include most containers between 150ml and three litres. Containers should not be crushed or broken and have the original label attached to be eligible for the refund.

A state-wide map of collection points is available online at: www.returnandearn.org.au.

Kellyville Shopping Centre is located at 88 Wrights Road, Kellyville

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