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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**MANSFIELD RESIDENTS CASH IN AS 500,000  
CONTAINERS RETURNED VIA LOCAL CONTAINER  
REFUND POINT**

Mansfield residents have embraced the Containers for Change scheme, returning more than 500,000 eligible containers through local container refund point Recycle 4 Cash in just over two months.

The over-the-counter depot in Dividend Street opened mid-August and has been providing locals 10 cent refunds on eligible containers as part of the Containers for Change scheme.

The 500,000 milestone equates to \$50,000 in refunds being paid back to members of the community including individuals, charities and community groups.

Depot owner Rik Peterson said his experience working at another Containers for Change depot gave him the inspiration to open his own site.

“I was working at the depot at Underwood and saw that there was a real opportunity to run a site as an owner-operator, so my wife and I took the plunge,” Mr Peterson said.

“Having that previous experience and knowing how the scheme operated from a site perspective was a real help when we were setting everything up.

“We’ve had very positive feedback from customers and really want to get the news out there that there’s an over-the-counter depot in the area to service people who want that face-to-face customer service not offered by bag drops or reverse vending machines.”

Recycle 4 Cash pays refunds on eligible containers in cash or via EFT if customers have registered for a scheme ID on the Containers for Change website.

For customers short on time the team also offer a drive-in bag drop, allowing customers to stay in the car with refunds paid via EFT.

Charities and community groups can promote their scheme ID to supporters who can donate their refund to their chosen organisation by quoting the scheme ID when they make returns.

Mr Peterson said he was pleased to have been able to provide employment opportunities to locals as a result of opening the depot, which operates seven days a week.

“We employ juniors from Mansfield State High School who work weekend shifts as well as a couple of staff through the week – my daughters also work on weekends so it’s a real family affair.”

Recycle 4 Cash is at 2/23 Dividend Street, Mansfield and is open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3 pm Saturday and 9 am to 2 pm Sunday.



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To find out more about Containers for Change including what containers are eligible for a refund or to sign up for a scheme ID visit [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au) or call 13 42 42.