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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE DEPOT IN KINGAROY**

More than \$37,000 has been returned to the Kingaroy community since the opening of the town's new Containers for Change depot on October 1.

Locals who had been holding onto eligible containers since a previous container refund point closed in July have given the new depot a warm welcome, returning more than 379,000 containers in less than two weeks.

The new over-the-counter depot is at 13 Kingaroy Street and customers can receive refunds for eligible containers via EFT if they have registered for a scheme ID on the Containers for Change website.

The Containers for Change scheme encourages Queenslanders to reduce litter and increase recycling across the state by returning eligible containers for a 10 cent refund.

Container Exchange, the not-for-profit organisation that delivers the scheme, Chief Executive Officer Ken Noye said the response from the Kingaroy community has been outstanding.

"Containers for Change was introduced in Queensland less than a year ago and we have seen a really positive uptake across the state with more than 946 million containers returned thus far," said Mr Noye.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Economic & Community Development Manager Sean Nicholson said opening a site in Kingaroy was a natural extension of the council's involvement in the scheme.

"Our container refund point in Cherbourg has been successful and when the opportunity came up in Kingaroy we were very keen to extend our service to this community as well," said Mr Nicholson.

"The response was very positive and we have remained busy since opening.

"We have been able to employ seven Indigenous staff at the depot who were previously under-employed or unemployed, which is great to see and something to be proud of.

"We have also already looked at ways to support the community, including at a recent Relay For Life event where we provided bins to collect containers with the refunds then donated to Relay For Life."

Kingaroy's Containers for Change depot is at 13 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy and is open Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 3.30 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

Lids should be removed from the containers.

For more information on Containers for Change, or to register for a scheme ID visit [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au).