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RETURN AND EARN PARTNERS WITH COLES

Reverse vending machines at Coles' supermarkets across the State will join the three hundred collection points that have already been rolled out as part of the Container Deposit Scheme, Return and Earn, Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton announced today.

"I want to thank the community for embracing Return and Earn and for their patience as the scheme rolls out all over the state," Ms Upton said.

"The retail partnership with Coles means there will be more locations for people to return their empty containers and receive their refund."

People will have an option to receive a 10 cent cash refund from Coles, use the refund for an in-store credit through a voucher at NSW Coles supermarkets or donate the refund to a charity.

The participating Coles store locations will be finalised in January 2018, but Return and Earn continues to roll out.

Reverse vending machines were recently installed in Forster, Chinderah, Kingscliff, Cessnock, Bass Hill, Norris Park and Ingleburn.

More than eight million containers have been returned since the Scheme started on 1 December. The busiest day of the week for people to return their drink containers is Sunday. A new record was set on Sunday, 17 December with over 692,000 returns.

Ms Upton also reminded the community that no collection points will be open on Christmas Day.

"Boxing Day is expected to be a busy day at reverse vending machines in particular, and we will make sure there are extra trucks to clear the machines and cleaning crews on standby," Ms Upton said.

For more information on the Scheme and a list of eligible drink containers, visit: www.returnandearn.org.au.

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