

Media Release

Steve Dimopoulos MP
Minister for Environment
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events
Minister for Outdoor Recreation



Friday, 4 October 2024

NEW CDS COMPETITION PUTS SCOUTS ON THE HUNT FOR CONTAINERS

Scouts across Victoria will be searching high and low for eligible containers thanks to a new competition being launched by the Allan Labor Government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic).

Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos launched the competition today at the CDS Vic Depot at Mount Waverley – which will help scouts raise funds whilst also learning about recycling, community engagement and financial literacy.

Over the next 2 months, scouts will collect containers to fundraise for their scouting groups through the CDS Vic scheme.

As one of the largest youth development organisations in the state, scouts are well placed to support young people to participate in the scheme. Scouting members will receive a specially designed 'Container Champion' badge to acknowledge their efforts.

Across the state, scouts are already playing a key role in the scheme by running 12 refund collection points. The scout run sites have processed more than 13 million containers since the scheme commenced on 1 November last year and this number is set to grow in the coming months as part of this new competition.

Scout groups will also have the chance to win Anaconda vouchers valued up to \$2,500, as well as more than \$2,500 to attend the Australian Jamboree 2025, in Maryborough, Queensland.

The competition begins this month and will run through until the end of November. For more information visit cdsvic.org.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Victorians use more than 3 billion drink containers each year and I'm excited that our Scouts will be rewarded and recognised for collecting and returning as many as possible through the Container Deposit Scheme."

Quote attributable to Member for Ashwood Matt Fregon

"This competition will help take current recycling efforts to the next level and support the Government in transforming our state's waste and recycling sector."

Quotes attributable to VicReturn Spokesperson Marianne Doyle

"Scouts are great ambassadors for the Container Deposit Scheme with their current efforts running return points and collecting containers. As our scheme grows, we want their involvement to do the same and so we are excited to be launching this competition with them today."

Quote attributable to Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria Rod Byrnes

"Scouts have always been passionate about making a difference in the community. This competition not only rewards their efforts but also empowers young people to take responsibility for the environment while having fun and raising funds for their Groups."

Media Contact: Liam Miles 0492 504 682 | liam.miles@minstaff.vic.gov.au