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## **‘ALL ROSES’ FOR ROSEDALE RECYCLERS WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW RURAL DEPOT**

A new Containers for Change depot opened this week in the small town of Rosedale, located between Gladstone and Bundaberg, as recycling continues to ramp up across regional Queensland.

This new rural depot complements several container refund points already in operation in nearby Bundaberg and Agnes Water.

The facility adjoins the local Rosedale hardware store and post office, frequented by the town’s 600 residents, providing convenience and ease for local recyclers to access their 10-cent refund for every eligible beverage container returned.

It offers keen rural recyclers drive-up or drop options for their containers, with reimbursement in cash or scheme ID payments.

Ken Noye is the chief executive officer of Container Exchange, the not-for-profit organisation that operates Queensland’s Container for Change scheme.

He said the opening of Container Refund Rosedale provides rural recyclers in this area of Central Queensland with a convenient recycling solution.

“Increasing the convenience and accessibility of the scheme is crucial when it comes to changing recycling habits so we’re continuing to add new sites to the Containers for Change network, right across Queensland,” said Mr Noye.

“Opening depots in small rural communities like Rosedale can reduce travel distances for regular customers and attract new participants starting their recycling journey.

“Container Refund Rosedale is one of many rural depots we’re looking to open across Queensland over the coming months, as we strive towards our 85% recycling target by mid next year.”

The Cheesemans, who have called Rosedale home for nearly 20 years, established the new rural depot in Rosedale.

“I read a story about a post office in Warwick that started running a depot from their facility,” said business operator Leanne Cheeseman.

“And we thought, if they can, why couldn’t we – particularly if it benefited our local community.

“The only place for locals to recycle their containers previously was either at Bundaberg or Agnes Water, which is an hour away.

“Our new depot will save this local community a lot of travel time and contribute to our state’s recycling efforts for years to come.”

More than five billion containers have been returned and $500 million in refunds have been claimed since the scheme began just over three years ago.

Container Refund Rosedale will be open Monday to Friday 9am – 2pm and Saturday 8:30am – 12pm.

For more information on the Containers for Change scheme, please visit [www.containersforchange.com.au/qld](http://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld)

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*Cleaning up our state since November 2018,*[***Containers for Change***](https://www.containersforchange.com.au/)*aims to increase recycling rates and reduce litter by allowing Queenslanders to exchange eligible drink containers to either earn a 10 cent refund for each container returned, or donate the proceeds of those refunds to their nominated community group.*

*COEX is the non-profit organisation that implements the Containers for Change scheme.*