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HAWKESBURY RETURN AND EARN CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

The Hawkesbury community celebrated the grand opening of Hawkesbury Return and Earn automated depot just in time for Christmas.

Robyn Preston MP, Member for Hawkesbury said the Hawkesbury community are keen recyclers, already returning more than 59 million drink containers since the scheme began in 2017.

“Protecting the environment is important to our Hawkesbury community and this new facility will further support everyone’s efforts in keeping it clean for all to enjoy,” Ms Preston said.

“Return and Earn has also played a critical role in supporting local charities and community groups across NSW, with more than \$40 million raised via donations and return point hosting fees since the scheme began.

“This new facility will support local charity RuffTRACK, who offer programs to help disengaged youth reconnect with their school and community.

“We’re proud to provide local residents the opportunity to double the value of their participation by donating their container refund to important causes like RuffTRACK.”

The Hawkesbury depot is the fifth Return and Earn automated depot in NSW operated by family-owned Australian recycling business Sell and Parker.

Sell and Parker CEO Luke Parker said they are excited to be involved in this leading recycling initiative.

“We are proud to be operating this facility which will reduce litter in the Hawkesbury, provide local jobs while also delivering social benefits to the local community.

“We look forward to partnering with organisations such as RuffTRACK and Hawkesbury’s Helping Hands to generate valuable community connections and donations which help deliver important services across the region.”

Hawkesbury Return and Earn automated depot is located at 8 Walker Street, South Windsor and is open from 8am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1:30pm on Saturday.

More than 8.3 billion drink containers have been returned for recycling through Return and Earn’s network of more than 600 return points across NSW since the scheme launched in 2017.

For more information on Return and Earn visit www.returnandearn.org.au.