

Push for deposits on cans

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EMERALD'S Graeme Eadie believes cash for cans legislation could bring enormous social and environmental rewards for Victoria.

An environmentalist since the 1970s and dedicated member of the Emerald Clean Team, Mr Eadie is urging Cardinia residents to call on their local MPs to bring in a deposit scheme on drink cans and bottles.

Under a similar scheme currently operating in South Australia, empty cans and bottles can be recycled for a redeemable deposit of 5c.

Mr Eadie said a 20c or 30c compulsory deposit in Victoria would reduce litter, help fund community groups and provide welcome extra income for the state's poorest residents.

The Clean Team collects more than 50 cans and bottles on each of its regular clean-ups through Emerald.

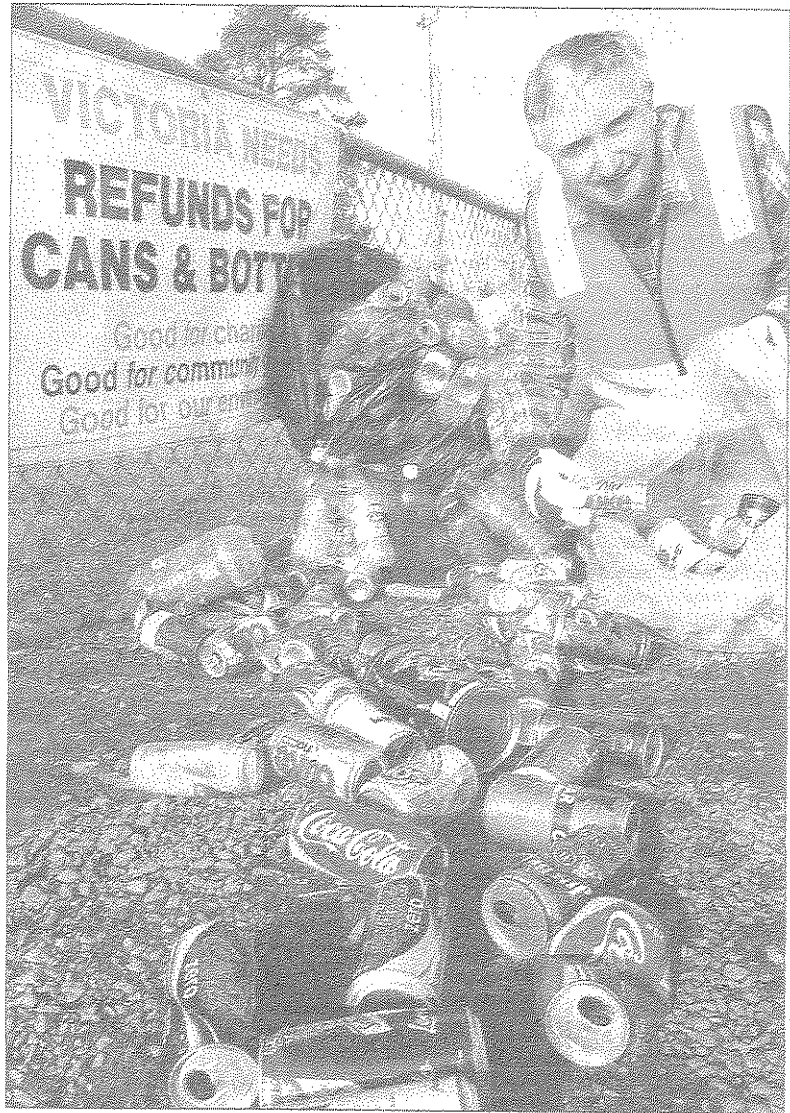
Mr Eadie said waste should be put to good use.

"Here in Cardinia, collecting a few cans a day could mean the difference between someone eating that day or not," he said.

"The rich fools who chuck the cans away won't change their habits, but the battlers will benefit, and don't they deserve some good news for once?"

"The social benefits of container deposit legislation are huge."

Mr Eadie said community groups such as the Scouts or CFA brigades could set up collection points and generate extra funds for their activities.



Emerald Clean Team member Graeme Eadie says a deposit scheme for cans and bottles would reduce the amount of litter.

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Pocket money

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Think of the extra pocket money you'll earn and the fund raising for your scouts, footy club or school, from the trash at your nearest footy ground or racecourse after a sporting event.

If drink containers had a compulsory deposit on them (as in South Australia), there'd be less littering and you'd be richer if you cleaned up your neighbourhood.

As a member of Emerald's Clean Team, we'd have less to do.

The Victorian Government refuses to enact Container Deposit Legislation so get out and lobby your local state politician to bring in deposits on drink containers, now!

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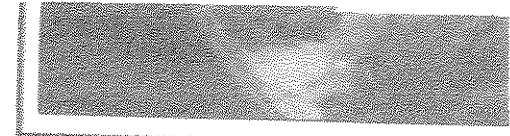
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