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## **RETURN AND EARN**

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Narrandera residents will be the big winners from Council's decision to install a reverse vending machine adjacent to its landfill site at Red Hill Road.

Following negotiations with Tomra/Cleanaway, Council will have the opportunity to place the kiosk unit adjacent to the main entry to the landfill site. Narrandera residents and those from across the Shire will be able to access the purpose-built site during business hours throughout the week and at weekends.

Locals will no longer have to travel to Leeton to gain refunds on their empty cans and bottles as they will now be able to be deposited at Narrandera with vouchers issued by the machine redeemable at Narrandera Coles thanks to a state-wide arrangement between Tomra/Cleanaway and Coles.

Mayor Neville Kschenka said today that this initiative will create many benefits including reduction in unwanted litter, increase in recyclables out of Narrandera, redeemable vouchers for residents than can be used in Coles at Narrandera.

"Most people with redeemable cans and bottles travel by car or ute to reverse vending machines with quantities of recyclables so a short car trip to Narrandera landfill site should not be an inconvenience," he said today.

"The four deposit point machine will be located on a new cleared site that will be sealed to enable ample parking for residents in all weather," the Mayor added.

Reverse vending machines are required to be located well away from residential areas and while the surrounds of the machine are required to be kept clean and tidy, this has proved to be a problem in some locations. However it is expected that this will not be a problem at the chosen site for Narrandera.

The reverse vending machine site is expected to be developed in the near future to enable the installation of the kiosk as soon as possible.

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*Return and Earn Reverse Vending Station.*

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