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University of New South Wales headed for sustainability success

As part of the University of New South Wales ‘Waste Not Want Not Forum’ and its environmental and sustainability endeavours, today saw the official launch of new dual waste and recycling bins throughout the Kensington campus. The ‘Waste Not Want Not Forum’ highlights the University’s recent waste management initiatives and outlines its goals for the future.

The new bins are the result of a joint venture between the Australian Food and Grocery Council’s Packaging Stewardship Forum and the University of New South Wales. 25 new permanent waste and recycling bin stations have been installed, carrying the national call to action to recycle, Do The Right Thing, Use The Right Bin.

The new bins will now make it easier for over 45,000 students at the university to recycle and are expected to divert more than 35 tonnes of beverage containers from landfill annually – that’s equivalent to more than 1 million small plastic drink bottles!

UNSW Sustainability Director, Aaron Magner said; “We know our students and staff are passionate about taking environmental responsibility and recycling is an easy, convenient way to make a difference to the environment. The installation of these new bins is one of the ways we can continue to encourage sustainable behaviour changes within our community.”

General Manager of the PSF, Jenny Pickles congratulated UNSW on its enthusiasm and commitment to help students and staff boost their “away from home” recycling efforts.

“The new recycling systems at the University of New South Wales are just one of hundreds of projects the beverage industry has delivered across Australia to address the issue of packaging product stewardship.” said Ms Pickles.

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Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF)
The PSF is a forum of the Australian Food and Grocery Council. It works with government and industry partners across Australia to deliver recycling, litter reduction and education programs on behalf of its members, Australia’s major beverage companies and their packaging suppliers. The Do the Right Thing Use the Right Bin call to action was developed jointly by the PSF and the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management and supported by the Australian Packaging Covenant.