



## Computer recycling program, Byteback, opens new regional sites

Byteback, the free computer take-back program which has been developed in order to help people dispose of unwanted computer equipment in a responsible manner, has opened two new collection sites in Drysdale and Anglesea.

Run by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) and founding partners Apple, Canon, Dell, Epson, Fujitsu, Fuji-Xerox, HP, IBM, Lenovo and Lexmark, the Byteback program is an Australian first, given that government, industry and consumers are sharing the responsibility for safely disposing of computer waste.

It is anticipated that Byteback will run in Victoria until the end of 2008, following which, it is hoped that it will form the basis of a national framework for the responsible disposal program to deal with the safe and responsible recycling of computer waste.

Individuals and small businesses are welcome to contribute to Byteback by depositing their unwanted computer equipment at any of the Byteback site locations around metropolitan and regional Victoria.

The opening of the Drysdale and Anglesea sites makes disposing of your unwanted computer equipment easier than ever. In addition to the two new Byteback sites, Surfcoast residents can also drop unwanted computer equipment off at the Lorne, Deans Marsh and Winchelsea Transfer Stations.

Cr Tom O'Connor (Dir of Barwon Regional Waste Management Group) said "The main aim of the program is to keep old computers out of landfill. All the equipment deposited at Byteback sites is broken down into separate components such as plastics, glass, metals, wiring and circuit boards.. These components are then sent to various recovery facilities for recycling."

People can deposit up to 10 computer related items per visit to any Byteback site, including desktops, laptops, computer mice, monitors, scanners, printers, keyboards, computer power supplies, printed circuit boards, motherboards, network cards, disk and CD drives. For further information on the Byteback program, please visit [www.bytebackaustralia.com.au](http://www.bytebackaustralia.com.au)



Cr Tom O'Connor, Ray Stratton (COGG) and Cr Jim Tutt at the new Byteback drop off point in Drysdale