

Recycle for a beaut country

AUSTRALIANS will be encouraged to lift their recycling rate and keep recyclables out of landfill as part of Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

Channel 9's Jules Lund and Livinia Nixon joined this week's campaign, which also aims to decrease litter on streets and in drains.

Nixon said recycling started at home. "It's easy for us all to recycle at home so there's no excuse for bottles and cans ending up in the bin," she said.

Pick a tourism winner

TWO new People's Choice categories have been added to this year's RACV Victorian Tourism Awards and readers of the *Sunday Herald Sun* are invited to help judge the winners.

If you have stayed at a property recently and would like to have your say, go to www.racv.com.au/travel and rate the property's cleanliness, facilities, service, atmosphere, location and value. You can explain your votes, offering criticism and praise.

Three reviewers will win a \$1000 RACV travel voucher, with voting open from today until 5pm on November 3.

Tycoon's gift to charity

BILLIONAIRE mining mogul Ken Talbot has left almost a third of his vast fortune to charity.

The 59-year-old, who died in a light plane crash in Africa in June, directed in his will that the rest of his riches be held in a trust for the benefit of wife Amanda and his four children.

Mr Talbot's reputation for generosity was reinforced with his legacy.

Based on an estimated wealth of \$1.11 billion, about \$300 million would go into his charitable Talbot Family Foundation, making him one of Australia's greatest philanthropists.

Dutch reporter bailed in Perth



Do the right thing, use the right bin: Jules Lund and Livinia Nixon join Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

Recycling way of future

Quick facts

□ Recycling one aluminium can saves 3L of water, 187 grams of carbon and energy to boil 30 cups of tea.

□ Recycling one glass bottle saves 400ml of water, 83g of carbon and enough energy to boil water for 11 cups of tea.

□ 41 recycled plastic bottles represent enough energy savings to run a refrigerator for an hour. To run for a month it requires a tonne of plastics to be recycled.

Source: www.lgsa-plus.net

KEEP Australia Beautiful (KAB) is calling on the public to help increase recycling rates during Keep Australia Beautiful week, which begins tomorrow.

Just over half of the total 43.5 million tonnes of waste Australians produce each year is recycled.

While 90 per cent of households have access to kerb-side recycling, and 99 per cent participate in some form of recycling, Australia faces a major challenge with increasing recycling rates when people are away from their homes.

KAB spokeswoman Lara

Shannon (pictured) said with so many people buying food and drink when they're out and about these days, we have seen big increases in packaging waste being produced.

This means more litter on our streets and products ending up in landfill that don't need to be there, she said.

This not only has a negative effect on the environment but also has a big financial cost.

Each year, local councils spend millions of dollars nationally to clean up our litter, while the cost of sending waste to landfill continues to rise.

Fortunately, many councils,

venues and businesses are introducing public place recycling bins, so it's up to us all to do our bit and start recycling empty drink bottles and cans rather than throwing them in the rubbish bin, Lara said.

KAB recommends taking empty containers home for recycling if there are no public bins nearby.

Celebrity ambassadors helping to promote the KAB Week campaign include *Getaway's* Jules Lund and Natalie Gruzewski, *Hey Hey It's Saturday's* Livinia Nixon and Suze Raymond, Triple M Hot Breakfast Host, Mieke Buchan, Former

Miss Universe Australia Laura Dundovic and others.

Keep Australia Beautiful week is the perfect time to think about the impact our lifestyle and behaviour has on the environment and set some goals to reduce our eco footprint all year round.

Reducing the amount of rubbish we throw away by re-using or recycling it is an easy way to start, KAB week ambassador, Jules Lund, said.

For more information about the campaign, what you can recycle in your local area and other recycling tips, visit www.kab.org.au.



