



Mid Murray Council leads way in environmental technology

THE Mid Murray Council is leading the way in adopting environmentally friendly products.

South Australian company Cosset Industries won a national environmental award for a unique product that turns recyclables such as plastic bags and discarded drink bottles into trash can holders, picnic benches and playground surrounds.

Cosset Industries won the Infrastructure Australia Green Award for its PlastiPole bin retention system.

Mid Murray Council works supervisor Andrew Strauss said the council was one of the first to use the product.

"We had used the old version of the wheelie bin holder," he said.

"We chose to use the Cosset product as it is made out of recycled plastic.

"That means less going into landfill."

Mr Strauss said the decision set an example as being proactive in recycling and using products made from recycled materials.

"The product is more cost effective," he said. The bin system has a secure locking mechanism, reducing the risk of vandalism and theft.

It has been used to secure mobile garbage bins in public spaces and commercial facilities, and is designed with a fast release system for quick and easy emptying when unlocked.

Cosset Industries director Andrew

Townsend said councils such as the Mid Murray should be commended for their approach to supporting environmentally friendly products.

"The attraction of the PlastiPole is that it offers a low-cost replacement for the rusting, and often unsafe, metal bin holders that are widely used," he said.

Cosset products are made from 100 per cent recycled plastic that is often diverted from landfill.

The granulated plastic is obtained from old shopping bags, shredded money, discarded PET bottles, car bumper bars and even 20-litre chemical drums.



Awarded: Mid Murray Council works supervisor Andrew Strauss with the bin system by Cosset Industries.