



# Robe trials new 'green' bin clip

ROBE District Council is leading the way by adopting an environmentally friendly products for its wheelie bin holders.

With the metal bin holders rusting, works supervisor Trevor Hondow said a replacement was needed.

The council is now trialling 11 wheelie bin holders called the PlastiPole bin retention system – made of 100 per cent recycled plastic often diverted from landfill.

It is used to secure mobile garbage bins in public spaces and is designed with a fast release system for quick and easy emptying of the bin when unlocked.

Robe is among the first councils to use the award winning bin retention system.

"We chose to use the product as it is made out of recycled plastic," he said. "That means less going into landfill."

The product is said to be more cost effective and longer lasting.

"Metal doesn't last," Mr Hondow said. "The closing mechanism seizes up."

"Hopefully being plastic, (the new holders) can't rust."

If the PlastiPoles stand up to coastal conditions, the council will consider buying another

19 for the rest of its public wheelie bins.

"We'll leave it a few months," Mr Hondow said.

The new bin holders are guaranteed for five years. They replaced the metal holders across Royal Circus, on the foreshore area and at Long Beach park.

Not only is the product green and cost effective, it improves the aesthetic appearance of the bins.

Mr Hondow said the bin system had a secure locking mechanism which aimed to reduce the risk of vandalism and theft.

Plastipoles, made by SA company Cosset Industries, won an Infrastructure Australia green award.

The company has also won a national environmental award for a unique product which turns recyclables such as plastic bags and discarded drink bottles into trash can holders, picnic benches and playground surrounds.

Cosset director Andrew Townsend commended councils such as Robe for their approach to supporting environmentally friendly products.

"It offers a low-cost replacement for the rusting, and often unsafe, metal bin holders that are widely used."



Robe District Council works supervisor Trevor Hondow with one of 11 wheelie bins – along the foreshore – which are now equipped with a plastic bin retention system made of 100 per cent recycled material.