

GEOCYCLE

RECYCLING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

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Gold from scrap steel

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A DANDENONG business that recycles hazardous waste by turning it into fuel has been recognised at the Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Geocycle was named top business in the products or services section for its \$4million 'mega blender' that separates organic waste from metal and turns it into usable kiln fuel, while cleaning the metal for recycling.

Nicknamed BOB (big oversize blender), the system processes the contaminated steel drums from industrial sources that would historically go to secured landfill.

Marketing and sales manager Tim Sheldon-Collins said the recognition was "just reward" for staff and management at Geocycle.

"What we do is make the



Left over: Geocycle plant operator Cossal Hean shows some of the scrap metal produced in the company's complex fuel separation system.

Picture: Ted Kloszynski

waste material into a fuel usable in the cement kiln, which looks a bit like black oil.

"We sell the scrap metal on and that's a win, because the drums usually are not suitable for reconditioning, so they go to landfill."

Also a winner at the awards night was the GPT Group, operator of the Dandenong Plaza and Parkmore shopping centres.

The company won the large

business category for its commitment to sustainable design and community investment initiatives.

GPT chief executive officer Michael Cameron said the group was proud to be recognised.

"We believe our approach to sustainability and responsible property makes sense commercially for our communities, our customers, our staff and our investors."