



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Mindarie cleans up in waste reduction grants

Mindarie Regional Council has been awarded more than \$85,000 in State Government grants for waste reduction initiatives.

Mindarie MLA John Quigley said the MRC would receive a \$60,000 grant for a new waste education display and a \$36,100 grant to establish the “Earth Carers” community education program.

“Community support and participation is crucial as we prepare to confront the challenges of climate change,” Mr Quigley said.

“These projects will help inform the community about what they can do in terms of reducing and recycling waster – a campaign which complements the Carpenter Government’s Act Now or the Future sustainable living campaign.”

MRC CEO Kevin Poynton said the projects would form key parts of the MRC’s long-term waste management strategy.

“The mobile display will be part of a waste education strategy, designed to build community support and participation in reducing the environmental impact of waste,” Mr Poynton said.

“Earth Carers uses a variety of ‘hands on’ workshops to influence the attitudes and behaviour of local residents so that they are empowered to adopt sustainable, wast-reducing behaviours.”

Environment and Climate Change Minister David Templeman said more than \$750,000 had been awarded to organisations around the State in the recent round of grants from the Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme and the Community Grants Scheme.

“This is on top of the more than \$5million in waste reduction grants that we distributed last year,” he said.

“The Carpenter Government is acting now for the future by taking the levy collected for all waste dumped in urban landfills and using it to support waste reduction and recycling initiatives around the State”.

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