



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Recycling grants for Parmelia Hilton and Earthwise

Perth's Parmelia Hilton Hotel and the Earthwise community garden and centre in Subiaco will benefit from the most recent round of State Government recycling grants.

Dr Harrie Hofstede, of environmental consultancy firm Hofstede & Associates, has been awarded \$15,000 to conduct a waste audit and develop a waste management plan for the Parmelia Hilton.

The Earthwise community garden and centre has been awarded \$4,250 to develop a new website and install interpretive signage that promotes recycling.

Perth MLA John Hyde said the waste audit and waste management plan for the Parmelia had the potential to create an industry benchmark.

"As we prepare to confront the challenges of climate change, we all need to think more carefully about what we consume, how we dispose of it and what we can reuse," Mr Hyde said.

Dr Hofstede said the hospitality industry generated large amounts of recyclable waste.

"There is currently very little waste data available from the hospitality industry and this project will give a comprehensive insight into waste generation and recovery potential," he said.

Following the Parmelia Hilton Hotel audit, it is anticipated that other hospitality industry members will get involved in order to obtain a reliable and representative insight into waste generation in their industry.

Mr Hyde said that the project at Earthwise would educate and engage the community about effective recycling and how to get more involved in it.

The new website would complement the State Government's own 'Act Now for the Future' portal.

Earthwise - located in the centre of Subiaco and operating since 1991, thanks to the dedication and commitment of volunteers – has a second-hand recycling op-shop, a permaculture garden and a venue available for hire by the community.

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 more than \$5million in waste reduction grants that we distributed last year," the Minister 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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