



MEDIA STATEMENT

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A recycling makeover for the Community Op Shop

St Paul's Anglican Church Community Op Shop in Bridgetown has been awarded a \$5,000 State Government grant to upgrade the recycling service it provides to the local community.

South West MLC Matt Benson-Lidholm said the project would expand the operations of the Op Shop to provide a recycling service to the whole community and would involve collaboration with St Vincent de Paul and the Shire of Bridgetown.

"As we strive to reduce our footprint on the earth we must think more carefully about what we use and how we can recycle what we use," Mr Benson said.

"Projects like this one make it easier to extend the life of products, thereby reducing the amount of waste going into landfill."

Op Shop warden, Judy Tuck, said the grant would enable the Op Shop to improve its valuable service to the community.

"The project will develop a community recycling service that will provide an opportunity for people to re-use materials within the community, in addition to the traditional outreach we provide to people in need."

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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