

Junkbusters Drop 'n' Shop Reuse Centre Junkbusters Inc

Introduction

Junkbusters Inc is a community run recycled material resale centre that offers a practical way to minimise waste by intercepting reusable rubbish on its way to landfill, refurbishing it and selling it to the public at bargain prices.

The aims of Junkbusters Inc are to promote and educate the public in the concept of recovery, repair, reuse and recycling of discarded items so as to reduce the amount of reusable and recyclable items entering landfill and also aims to provide a venue where reusable and repaired or rejuvenated goods can be sold at a low cost to the public.

The centre also encourages community involvement by offering a variety of workshops and volunteer opportunities.

Towards Zero Waste

Junkbusters received a grant from the Waste Management Board in 2005 to help equip a shed with the tools to repair reusable items salvaged from the landfill site.

Junkbusters Inc understands that waste minimisation is about recognising the value of 'waste' as a resource and living its principles:

1. REDUCE by being a conscientious consumer and/or producer by 'closing the loop', by purchasing products which are made from recycled materials, thus helping to make markets for recycling materials more viable.
2. REUSE materials or pass them on to someone who can use them, including repair and renovation to add value to discarded items.
3. RECYCLE the materials so that valuable resources are reprocessed into new products, the next stage of their lifecycle.

Future outlook

The group's activities have expanded and they now run education workshops with local schools, universities and community groups, as well as providing support and donations to other charities and groups. They have also invited community service and work-for-the-dole participants to work in the workshop restoring goods.

The Junkbusters Drop n Shop Reuse Centre is a successful model for other communities wishing to increase community recycling and reduce the volume of reusable or recyclable items in landfill. It provides a positive example for the people and businesses of the South-Eastern Metropolitan Corridor to embrace a community spirit of caring for the environment and taking ownership of their wastes.

Community Grants Scheme

The Community Grants Scheme was established to assist our state to achieve the vision, "Towards Zero Waste in Western Australia". Funding is provided for successful local community-scale projects which are consistent with the Waste Management Board's Statement of Strategic Direction for Waste Management in Western Australia.

More information regarding the Community Grants Scheme is available on the Zero Waste WA website: <http://www.zerowastewa.com.au/> and follow the Support Schemes link.

For more information call the Department of Environment and Conservation on 64675318.

