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## Support for Great Southern Expo aiming to reduce waste

- Green Skills Inc has been awarded \$6,000 to deliver workshops.

The State Government's Waste Authority is supporting a community group to offer reuse and recycling workshops at the 2016 Sustainable Living Expo and Fair in Albany this weekend.

With a contribution of \$6,000 in State Government funding, Green Skills Inc will demonstrate how to achieve a more sustainable lifestyle at the Expo, through reuse and recycling.

The Expo will lower its own waste footprint, with food stalls using degradable and reusable takeaway containers. The Great Southern Food Hub will also provide fresh fruit and vegetables without plastic bags, offering reusable alternatives instead.

Waste Authority Chairman Marcus Geisler said the Expo was a positive example of a regional community initiative that brings together waste reduction and sustainable living experts with community and business groups, to help Western Australia reach its waste reduction targets.

"This event is an addition to the many other waste reduction initiatives Albany has implemented, such as its three bin system and landfill site improvements – which position the town as a leader in waste diversion in regional areas," Mr Geisler said.

"Events like this combine practical information with inspiring success stories to teach waste avoidance and reduction skills."

Waste Wise Schools, a program of the Waste Authority, will also provide case studies of effective educational activities that embed waste messages into the school curriculum.

The 2016 Sustainable Living Expo and Fair will be held on 19 March.

#### Fact File

- This is the second year the Sustainable Living Expo and Fair has been held in Albany
- More information is available at [www.expo.greenskills.org.au/index.html](http://www.expo.greenskills.org.au/index.html)

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