

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Sustainability focus**

Great Southern towns from Denmark and Albany in the south to Ongerup and Katanning in the north are focusing on sustainable living in March and April.

The Green Skills Sustainable Living Festival started on Wednesday 1 March and continues into April.

On Saturday 25 March, the festival presents its highlight event, the Sustainable Living Fair and Expo, at the Albany Town Square and Town Hall from 9am to 2pm.

The festival is supported by a \$15,000 grant through the Great Southern Development Commission's (GSDC) Community Chest Fund.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said the Community Chest Fund (CCF) grant covered two years of the Sustainable Living Festival.

"The Sustainable Living Fair and Expo address important issues for Great Southern residents, who share a strong connection to our wonderful natural environment," Mr Thornton said.

"Preserving and building our advantages in opportunity and lifestyle over the decades ahead means living sustainably in the environment that is so significant to us."

Mr Thornton said the CCF support for the festival complemented other initiatives of the Commission, such as the biennial GSDC Medal, which celebrates innovation and leadership in the management of natural resources.

The Sustainable Living Fair and Expo program includes renewable energy options, upcycling and recycling, electric cars, and environmental building design.

Demonstrations and information sessions start at 9.10am.

Programs are available through [www.expo.greenskills.org.au](http://www.expo.greenskills.org.au).

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