

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **Community enterprise opportunities**

New opportunities to develop community enterprise activities have opened up following the launch of the Albany Community Enterprise Development Centre.

The Graham Street centre is a Green Skills project with a total budget of \$834,000, including in-kind, and is supported with \$191,000 of State Government funding through the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

GSDC CEO Bruce Manning officially opened the centre on Friday 16 March.

Mr Manning said the new facilities, also supported by Lotterywest, will host training and workshops aimed at increasing employment opportunities and encouraging small business development.

“This centre will create opportunities for community members to equip themselves with the knowledge and skills to build a positive future for themselves, the community and the environment,” Mr Manning said.

The project extended the Green Skills complex to provide a multi-purpose community meeting and training room, and a kitchen.

Lack of meeting space previously limited the organisation’s ability to host skills development programs, and alternative venues did not have appropriate training facilities.

Green Skills expects to provide at least 25 workshops a year through the new centre.

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