



Environment

Belmont receives Green Stamp accreditation

The City of Belmont's Operations Centre Workshop recently attained the Motor Trade Association (MTA) of Western Australia's Green Stamp accreditation for the second year in a row.

The MTA Green Stamp Program is an environmental initiative developed in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation to assist small to medium automotive businesses to operate in an environmentally sensitive manner.

To retain Level Three accreditation, the City demonstrated a commitment to continual

improvement including scheduled internal audits which complement the annual audits conducted by the MTA, as well as meeting relevant legal obligations and having in place a minimum number of best practices.



Can you meet the 18% challenge?

Electricity prices rose by 7.5% in April and are set to rise again by 10% in July.

An achievable goal for many households is to slash electricity use by 18% and therefore pay no more in your bills.

Top Tips to Save Power

- Turn off standby power (use the main switch instead of the remote)
- Install a waterwise showerhead and take short showers to save on energy for hot water
- Install energy efficient light globes
- Wash clothes in cool water
- Replace your old hot water system with a gas boosted solar system
- Install a solar PV system on your roof.

To achieve these actions, take advantage of:

Rebates 4 Residents and Businesses – Discounts are available to City of Belmont residents and businesses on a range of energy efficient products including solar hot water systems, solar PV systems, roof and wall insulation, paint and home window tinting and films. For more information visit www.switchyourthinking.com or call the City's Parks & Environment Administration Officer on 9477 7257.

Perth Solar City - The City of Belmont is proud to be part of the Australian Government's Solar Cities program, a unique trial project aimed at changing the way we think about and use energy. Residents of the City can enjoy valuable discounts on energy-saving solutions such as solar PV systems, solar hot water systems, free eco-consultations and more. To find out more about how you can have a collective impact, visit www.collectiveimpact.com.au or call 1300 993 268.

Collective local biodiversity strategy adopted

The City of Belmont recently adopted the Collective Local Biodiversity Strategy, joining three other Local Government Authorities in the Perth Metropolitan Region to adopt a strategic approach to biodiversity conversation within a highly constrained urban landscape.

The Strategy was drafted in conjunction with the City of Bayswater and the Town of Bassendean with assistance from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council

(EMRC) and received recognition at last year's Western Australian Local Government Convention.

Out of 3,951 hectares, the City of Belmont has 538 hectares of regionally significant vegetation, the majority of which is located within the Perth Airport precinct. Additionally, the City has 11 kilometres of Swan River foreshore and 26 wetlands including Tomato Lake and Centenary Park Lake.

'Days of Change' Sustainability Program

The City of Belmont has recently signed up as an ambassador organisation for the 'Days of Change' sustainability program which was launched on 1 May 2010. The program aims to involve 200,000 West Australians in its first year and has the support of Channel 7, The West Australian newspaper and many other well known partners.

As an ambassador organisation, the City has developed a dedicated profile page at www.daysofchange.org where City of

Belmont residents and businesses can join as members. The profile page outlines the City's 'pledge card' or actions that it will implement to minimise environmental impacts and operate in a sustainable manner.

The City has also identified pledges that City of Belmont residents and businesses can be involved in. For more information or to join please visit www.daysofchange.org