

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **Festival focus on sustainability**

A provocative look at food chain vulnerability is one of the highlights of the 2018 Great Southern Sustainable Living Festival program.

Eat the City is a participatory workshop that includes an all-day lockdown scenario examining what happens when the food supply chain is broken.

The Festival, presented by Green Skills and supported by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC), will be launched on Wednesday 14 March in association with a micro film festival of short films made in the Great Southern.

The films focus on culture, innovation, food and fun.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said the festival was an opportunity for regional residents to get involved and learn more about living sustainably.

“We are a proud supporter of this innovative festival and have committed \$15,000 of State Government funding over two years,” Mr Thornton said.

“The program includes exciting and interesting events that will create discussion and demonstrate positive and creative contributions to a sustainable future.”

A key event is the South Coast Sustainable Living Fair and Expo, from 10am to 3pm on Saturday 24 March in the Albany Town Square. It features creative stalls, informative exhibits, entertainment, guest presentations and speakers, workshops, educational activities as well as food and music.

Other events on the festival program include Art Not Waste, the Autumn Harvest Food Workshop, a schools cook-off and the Great Cocky Count.

Festival coordinator Dawn Atkin said that, to the best of her knowledge, the event was the only truly regional sustainable living festival in Australia.

The Festival also takes in the South Coast Festival of Birds Program, with events running through to early April.

For more information or to download a program of events, visit <https://festival.greenskills.org.au/>

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