# Invest in your local Environment!

Founded in 1999, the Port Phillip EcoCentre Inc. is a community-managed, not-for-profit organisation that demonstrates and promotes sustainable living. The EcoCentre plans and delivers educational and practical environment improvement projects; and provides meeting space, office facilities and a small reference library.

With generous support from a range of sources including local, state and federal government, the business sector, charitable trusts and foundations, and individuals, the EcoCentre's home in St. Kilda Botanical Gardens has been retrofitted as an 'EcoHouse'.

The EcoHouse provides a model of sustainability including renewable energy, passive solar design, energy efficiency, rainwater harvesting, sustainable construction materials, wastewater recycling, low-water use landscaping and chemical-free vegetable gardening.

EcoCentre staff and volunteers share knowledge of these practices with the wider community through organised tours and with visitors who may call in. The EcoCentre's Integrated Environment Program works with schools to install water and energy efficient technology, indigenous gardens; and related curriculum activities.

Some other projects supported by the EcoCentre, which protect regional habitats include:

- Earthcare's study and protection of the St Kilda penguin colony;
- Friends of Westgate Park's frog habitat project;
- Park Community Association's 'Corroboree Tree Grasslands' project; and
- Blue Wedges marine education activities.

The Port Phillip EcoCentre Public Fund has been established to enable tax-deductible donations to be dedicated to projects that protect and improve our environment. Your donation will directly support the EcoCentre's goal *Local Action for a Global Future*.

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