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\$1000 GROUP PARTY



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PLANS to create a sustainable "green" city centre for Yanchep will be explored in a festival of ideas this Saturday.

Yanchep Beach Joint Venture (YBJV) economic development advisor Ian Martinus said the free event would give residents access to accurate information about plans for the area.

It would also highlight green ideas that were central to the YBJV development.

"It is the only way that the city could realistically sustain itself," he said. "Working in the same old

## Sustainable city vision for Yanchep

ways that we have in the past just would not work. It is all about leveraging the natural assets of the area such as the national park and the ocean."

Dr Martinus said the Yanchep Festival of Green Ideas, which will take place at Club Capricorn from 10am to 3pm, would promote Yanchep as a healthy and interesting place to live.

It will feature companies and organisations involved in solar and green products, future tech-

nology and communications, and sustainable energy.

Market stalls will sell fresh local produce, while demonstrations of a new battery-powered bicycle and five-a-side soccer featuring members of Perth Glory, will promote the healthy living message.

Wanneroo councillors recently approved local structure plans for the Yanchep city centre for release for public comment. The development will include a mix of

commercial, retail, residential, education, hospitality and community uses.

Dr Martinus said the festival would demonstrate YBJV's commitment to creating a sustainable community in Yanchep Two Rocks.

"I can appreciate why local people might be a little sceptical because the development has been talked about for so long, but things will really start to take off now," he said

"Resident businesses are very supportive of what we are doing, and this festival is designed for those who are not yet aware or have just moved in. It will focus on future jobs and will give a flavour of the future city centre."

An invitation-only evening for stakeholders and local businesses has been arranged for October 31, when a DVD of the city centre and a new YBJV website will be launched.

Among the attractions on Saturday will be an iron chef competition between local student chefs, a health and wellness corner and live music throughout the day.

# Painting town green