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RECYCLE RENEW REUSE REVIVE REVALUE

Project Brief



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Opportunity Summary

RECREATE – Recycle, Renew, Re-Use, Revive, Revalue and EAT

The Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre Inc. (MPNRC) is a non-profit community hub that promotes sustainable living and a meaningful environmental connection. The MPNRC provides community access to equipment, information and advice on a broad range of natural resource management and sustainable living issues, and is run by a volunteer management committee, employed Coordinator, and nearly 70 volunteers.

Reliant on funding from a range of external sources, the MPNRC has achieved great things considering the limited financial support it has gained in the last decade. The scope of what could actually be achieved with a little but indeed significant self-funding is as exciting as it is liberating.

A little old stone shed was doomed for a death by destruction not so long ago, now it has the potential to be the natural pulse in the heart of our community.

Op-shops are places of mystery and adventure that inspire ‘treasure hunting’. They are ‘museums’ displaying cultural artefacts; clothing, books and a plethora of objects that often bring back lost memories. They are places that trigger many emotions including nostalgia, longing and passion.

Traditionally, op-shops have been predominantly staffed by volunteers, the majority of them women over 65; they have been run by charities that are inevitably more focused on the programs run with the money raised by these shops, rather than the shop itself. They tend to be frequented by those in the margins - single parents, the unemployed, the elderly and others whose limited income means they cannot afford to buy from commercial retail stores.

The proposed RECREATE project is an out of the ordinary op-shopping and learning experience and through normal day-to-day operations we have the potential to divert hundreds of tonnes of waste from landfill.

RECREATE is a volunteer run creative reuse centre, materials depot and workshop space. The main focus of RECREATE is to stimulate environmental awareness and creativity in our community members through promoting the creative recycling and reusing of materials. Essentially RECREATE encourages an up-cycling culture in our community. Local community members and businesses are encouraged to donate recyclable and reusable materials that would traditionally have been discarded and contributed to landfill. Materials will then be sorted and made available to the community, artists, and schools through the RECREATE store.

RECREATE provides an opportunity for the MPNRC to become more financially sustainable as well as increase our volunteer opportunities and educational reach within the community.

Recycle

- **verb 1** convert (waste) into reusable material. **2** use again.
- DERIVATIVES **recyclable** adjective **recycler** noun.

Nowadays, a great op-shop can be given a cult like status amongst enthusiasts. Accepting a range of quality donated clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac, assorted materials and minor electrical appliances.

RECREATE will link with local and regional industry, determine



what types of industrial waste are available for recycling, divert these materials from the solid waste stream, and make available for recycling and creative pursuits.



Reuse

- **verb** /reeyooz/ use again or more than once.
- **noun** /reeyooss/ the action of using something again.
- DERIVATIVES **reusable** adjective.

RECREATE will house a collection of scrap metals, wood and wood products, paper and cardboard, containers, plastics, fabrics, paints, and more; all of which can either be used for creative education, on-sold to customers or referred merchants.

Broken furniture and electrical appliances can be repaired by suitably qualified volunteers then sold at affordable prices. Useable spare parts could potentially become a commodity.

Recreate

- **verb 1** create again. **2** reproduce. **3** to make something that existed in the past exist or seem to exist again

Creating anything with our own hands brings with it a sense of personal satisfaction, to re-create offers an opportunity to allow your imagination and your hands to run wild. Fortunately, we at MPNRC are determined to accommodate these ever growing needs.

Hats, gloves and scarves from reclaimed woollen jumpers. Plates, bowls and clocks from vinyl LPs. Sculpture from recreate metal; the list of possibilities is endless.



Renew

- **verb 1** resume or re-establish after an interruption. **2** give fresh life or strength to. **3** to make something valid for a further period of time **4** replace or restore (something broken or worn out).
- DERIVATIVES **renewal** noun **renewer** noun.

Donations of items in need of repair will be passed on to volunteers for a makeover. Those beyond repair will be dismantled with a view to utilising all the bits and pieces that can be given a new life. With a little TLC the old and damaged will be completely renewed, e.g. furniture, lamps, chairs, tables bookcases etc.

Revive

- **verb 1** restore to or regain life, consciousness, or strength. **2** restore interest in or the popularity of. **3** to make something start being used or done again
- DERIVATIVES **revivable** adjective **reviver** noun.
- ORIGIN Latin *revivere*, from *vivere* 'live'.

New life will be given to old items, whether it be old jars used to display photographs or revived as funky kitchen storage; or old tattered books and newspapers transformed into unique wallpaper. RECREATE will generate interest in the reuse of old wares and 'waste' into functional, useful items. It's amazing what can happen with a little bit of creativity and imagination and someone else's rubbish!





Revalue

· **verb (revalues, revalued, revaluing)** **1** value again. **2** to estimate the value of something again, especially giving it a higher value

— DERIVATIVES **revaluation** noun.

Through our public and school education programs, creative reuse will give new meaning and value to used and discarded materials. RECREATE will collect and redistribute reusable materials to educational organisations and the general public, and will actively foster a 'revalue' mindset within the community: how can this item be reused, recreated, or repaired so that it has increased or new value?

EAT: Produce

· **verb (past ate /et, ayt/; past part. eaten)** **1** put (food) into the mouth and chew and swallow it. **2 (eat out or in)** have a meal in a restaurant (or at home).

· **noun (eats)** informal light food or snacks.

— DERIVATIVES **eater** noun.

— ORIGIN Old English.



As part of RECREATE, we will be establishing a Fruit and Vegetable Community Cooperative - a great opportunity to realise social networking with huge benefits: where our community can come together to exchange produce, knowledge and ideas. We see this as a great opportunity for members of the community to meet, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. And as always when you get a bunch of gardeners together, there will be a lot of swapping of recipes, ideas about preserving abundant harvests and a new confidence in sustainable practices through various workshops that will be available to the cooperative members.

RECREATE will provide coordination, support and space for the community cooperative to increase access to locally produced food e.g. preserves, dried fruit and herbs, seasonal fruit and vegetables.

This will become the perfect platform for networking with local growers and ensure the highly successful launch of the second phase of the EAT element of RECREATE in the planned Farmers Market

Food will also be an integral part of the RECREATE experience and ambiance: customers will be offered a complimentary hot drink, and the option to extend their visit by purchasing a yummy home cooked muffin, cookie, or hot scone with jam and cream. This can be enjoyed in the outdoor seating area on fine days, with good conversation, and surrounded by creative reuse inspiration. EAT helps RECREATE drive the important social and networking atmosphere integral to the space: both for volunteers and customers.



Vision: To relate, educate and motivate our community in all facets of sustainable living practices.

RECREATE will be a catalyst for the growth of the MPNRC and a great opportunity to promote sustainable living practices far beyond the recycling that an ordinary op-shop demonstrates. This is the perfect opportunity to bring the broader community to the MPNRC, expand our volunteer program, and provide a sustainable funding stream for MPNRC activities.



Product and Service Features

Our goal is to create an out of the ordinary experience for our local and regional community by providing a friendly, caring and educational shopping adventure. A platform from where our community and the visiting public can contribute on many levels to practical, sustainable solutions

Products donated from the general community will include; adult and kids clothing, furniture, electrical appliances, shoes, handbags, manchester, toys and bric-a-brac etc. Waste items perfect for recreating will be sourced from local business and manufactures, e.g. cardboard tubes, fabric scraps, tins, timber offcuts and much more.

Other sources of revenue are available through consignment or commission type services such as the on-site native plant nursery; local growers and makers of preserves/preserves; and local art and craft featuring recycled materials. RECREATE will provide the perfect retail outlet for many local producers, artisans and other local not-for-profit organisations.

The RECREATE project will collect and in some cases repair goods then resell them to the community, diverting waste from the regions landfill. All funds from this project will cover the cost of this service, as well as our many educational initiatives aimed at informing the community about waste reduction and sustainable living practices.

The fruit and veg co-op will be a great way to initiate the supply of fresh produce in Mt Pleasant to be supplied by local growers, with the fundamental rules and regulations to be determined by the RECREATE committee in due process.



Creative Reuse Workshops

One of the key aspects of RECREATE is to run a series of community workshops using local artists. Objects from RECREATE will provide the raw material for a series of creative reuse workshops, styling 'garbage' into art and breathing new life into old objects. We are creating an opportunity for the local community to become involved in reducing landfill in a creative, educational and fun way. The sustained growth in reuse and recycling efforts has been taken advantage of by many local artists who have made it an increasingly popular art form, and we are keen to see this trend continue and made accessible to all in the community. These

workshops will educate and promote the care of the environment, contributing to the reduction of landfill. By using materials that would traditionally be discarded as waste, we are positively reducing landfill and contributing to a sustainable environment. By introducing local artists to run our creative reuse workshops we will be educating our community not only on environmental sustainability but also on an art form, which they may not even yet know exists.

The education of the community about environmental sustainability and the arts is equally important as the reduction to landfill that we will achieve. We hope that by teaching this art form it will be used in the wider community and RECREATE will be a hub for people to learn, socialise and exchange ideas and materials in an easily accessible and affordable way. In addition we hope that RECREATE will be a place that is mutually beneficial for the environment, the community, individuals, artists and the Arts.

Local artists will be employed to assess RECREATE materials for inspiration, and prepare public workshops to share skills in creating beautiful work from waste material. Both adult and children's classes will be offered, and school programs developed.

The creative reuse workshops will encourage community members to value and have fun with simple materials and help address basic environmental and social issues such as over-consumption and resource use. The MPNRC recognises the power the Arts have in shaping community attitudes and behaviour on environmental care and sees RECREATE as an excellent avenue for fostering this link and promoting sustainable living practices.



Business Structure

Goods, Products and Services

Goods

- **Clothing**

The majority of recycled clothing will be sourced locally from donations.

Source and forge relationships with commercial stores for over-stock, obsolete, out of season and faulty items. Displayed stock must be conducive with the current seasonal needs.

- **Furniture**

The available space will dictate the size and types of furniture stock we carry. As a result the revenue from this department will be affected. The RECREATE committee will discuss this issue and then define the receipt, sales and storage structure of the furniture department

- **Electrical**

All major electrical appliances will need to be tested by a qualified electrician, thus giving the opportunity to sell electrical goods at relatively higher prices. Minor appliances could be sold-on with a sticker advising the risk associated with purchase i.e. "this appliance has not been tested and is purchased at own risk". The price for these appliances will be minimal.

- **Native Plant Nursery**

RECREATE will provide a sales outlet for the onsite native plant nursery. This nursery is currently being built by volunteers and will stock water wise native plants. This is a mutually beneficial project enabling both local Landcare groups and the MPNRC to generate additional funds through plant sales direct to the public. Many of the local Landcare groups grow native tubestock, however they do not have the facilities and or the means to sell stock direct to the public. The nursery will initially be stocked with tube-stock and pots of local native species from the Upper River Torrens Landcare Group. On-selling relationships will also be pursued with other local growers such as: Tungkillo Landcare Group, Mid Murray Local Action Planning Group Inc, and the Kersbrook Landcare Group. The MPNRC will receive a commission for all sales and in return will provide sales space, marketing, promotion, and volunteers.

- **Food Products**

RECREATE will provide a space and support for community co-operative produce, increasing access to locally produced food e.g. preserves, dried fruit and nuts, herbs and seasonal fruit and vegetables.

The Fruit and Veg. Swap process will be simple and fun – local backyard producers simply bring in their surplus fruit, vegetables, herbs etc. on a nominated day.

Significant revenue will be generated from the consignment of food and food products. We envisage a reasonable commission structure; a rate of 10% will ensure a mutually respectful business transaction.

- **Art and Craft**

RECREATE will be the perfect venue for local artists and skilled craftspeople to sell their wares made from reused or recycled materials direct to the public. RECREATE will display genuine individually hand crafted items rather than the type of hand made to a repetitive commercial formula goods that dominate some of the more high profile markets.

The budding local artists, who are the product of the RECREATE recycle, re-use and recreate creative workshops will also have an opportunity to sell their wares through the store.

Significant revenue will be generated from the consignment of local art, craft and other creative recycled products. We envisage a reasonable commission structure; a rate of 10% will ensure a mutually respectful business transaction.

RECREATE knows the potential of all used and unused materials for Art and Craft

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|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| self-adhesives | fabric and wallpaper books | leather | magnetic pieces | plastic strips and shapes |
| rubber | | dacron | | |
| balsa wood | canvas | cardboard | card | core flute |
| business waste | sticky vinyl | cylinders | plexiglass | flooring samples |
| | | tin | house paint | |
| trinkets | leftover paints | used canvasses | used drawing paper | foam |
| posters | watches | | | matt board |
| paint brushes | foam core | burlap sacks | wallpaper | tubes |
| buttons | scrap artist's glass | feathers | musical instrument parts | aluminium |
| beads | | markers | | |
| old candles | wax | crayons | refrigerator magnets | broken jewellery |
| tiles | mirrors | figurines | baby food jars | wine corks |
| metal | | | | |
| old keys | wire | metal scraps | ceramics | glass |
| gadgets and gizmos | screw-on lids | juice containers | metal bottle caps | coffee cans |
| | scrap paper | | | |
| wood scraps | outdated calendars | plastics | bottle caps | film canisters |
| plastic bottles | | plywood | spools | unmatched socks |
| picture frames | cd's and vinyl records | magazines | old greeting cards | post cards |
| | | cones | polystyrene | |
| textiles | yarn | thread | fabric | silver |



Products

RECREATE offers a regionally unique shopping, recycling, and community experience. Our points of difference are:

- **The uniqueness of the product or service**

Where else can you go and browse clothing; source recycled art and craft materials; select from a range of local preserves, seasonal fruit and veg; receive training and exciting volunteer opportunities; enjoy a home baked cookie and a delicious mug of free

trade organic coffee; meet community members who share similar ideals; discuss the best organic option to control the slugs in your spinach patch; feed your creative and environmental spirit in a workshop turning an old worn woollen jumper into unique gloves, a beanie and a carry bag; and select some native water wise plants for your garden. There is only one place: RECREATE.

- **The method in which the items are sold**

Whether by commission, weight, by the bag, or individually priced, one thing is always consistent: all goods and products from RECREATE have had a former life or were destined for landfill; or have been lovingly created by hand (be it a bunch of yummy carrots from the backyard or a creative reuse masterpiece). Managed and run by friendly volunteers, RECREATE provides a social, community space for selling goods and sharing ideas, a place to stop and chat and meet new people.

- **Benefits to the customer**

Guilt free shopping? At least any environmental guilt can be cast aside at RECREATE. Affordable, useful, fun and funky, creative and inspiring: all from materials on their way to landfill.

RECREATE is a social networking space fostering learning, creativity, and an environmental conscience.

- **Why customers will purchase it from RECREATE**

One of a kind, already pulled apart and organised, craft packs and activities already made up for schools and kids, inspiration from other crafty and arty people, affordable, easy to find, easy to shop at, friendly and welcoming, local, supporting environmental activities, social, active learning at workshops, and “that is so clever and cute I just have to buy it!”.

- **Pricing strategy**

Affordability is essential at RECREATE. Part of the social benefit of an op-shop space is to ensure that all sectors of society can afford to be involved: some of our creative reuse workshops will be offered free and all of our products will be reasonably priced. Discount days will offer even more opportunity for those on lower incomes to afford items. Still can't afford it? Volunteer and receive a volunteer shop allowance or discount; or trade your knitting skills for a store credit and teach some community members how to knit. The Fruit and Veg co-op will also enable a bartering and trade economy to exist where money is not so important: your excess tomatoes for my excess basil.



Services

A number of services will be provided by RECREATE, including:

- **Entry-level Retail Certification**

It is proposed to offer volunteers the opportunity to gain entry-level retail certification. This initiative will help attract younger volunteers looking to gain workplace skills and experience, or volunteers looking to re-skill for new work opportunities.

- **Full training and support for volunteers**

All RECREATE volunteers will receive full training for their positions and support from the RECREATE Management Committee, RECREATE Project Officer, MPNRC Coordinator and the MPNRC Management Committee. Support and supervision will primarily come from the paid position of the part time RECREATE Project Officer under the direction of the MPNRC Coordinator. Training will be tailored to suit individual volunteer needs and job responsibilities and will be ongoing as needed.

▪ **Environmental advocacy**

RECREATE will educate the community on environmentally sustainable practices both through our workshops and the displays of energy efficient innovations that form part of the RECREATE building retrofit, and the establishment of a community produce Cooperative.

The community and local artists will be provided with a source of accessible and affordable materials for reuse on an ongoing basis. The reuse of these materials will directly reduce land fill.

The retrofit of the RECREATE building will directly reduce emissions and display energy efficient innovations and environmentally sustainable living ideas.

▪ **Sustainable living education**

The energy efficient retrofit of the RECREATE building at the MPNRC will display and promote emission reducing technology such as passive heating and cooling. The purpose of RECREATE is to help combat environmental problems such as climate change and resource over-consumption by driving behaviour changes which are environmentally sustainable.

RECREATE provides a new avenue and audience for the MPNRC to

- Inform on environmentally sustainable practises.
- Expanded volunteer opportunities: training, up-skilling and volunteer recruitment.
- Supply accessible and affordable creative reuse and recycled materials to the community, schools and artists.
- Provide space and support for community cooperative produce to increase access to locally grown and produced food



Goods and Produce Delivery

To ensure attractive and effective goods and produce delivery in the RECREATE store the following is proposed:

- Energy efficient building retrofit, improving building appearance, temperature, comfort, lighting and ventilation for customers and volunteers. Showcasing recycled materials and the RECREATE philosophy of creative reuse: giving old items a new life.
- Clothes hanging space from either ceiling suspended hangers and/or bracketed off the internal walls (removes trip hazard associated with floor standing hangers).
- Shop will be fit out from a selection of furniture already donated or purchased (e.g. display cabinets, shelves etc), or 'recreated' from old material by our volunteers in to specially designed items (e.g. old steel framed chairs into a shelving unit).
- A compactus (donated by The Barossa Council) will be installed in the store, enabling efficient storage of many of the creative reuse materials and saving on floor space.
- A constantly updated noticeboard for community and MPNRC use to promote events, specials and support other community group notifications.
- Reusable price tags made from old string, ribbon, and playing cards.
- RECREATE store 'interior decorating' to consist of well thought out displays of stock and creative reuse ideas and inspiration.
- Outdoor sails to create welcoming store front.
- During opening hours: outdoor tables and seating, potted plants and selected items at front of store to encourage business and create welcoming store front.



Opening Hours

Opening hours will be determined primarily by volunteer availability, however it is proposed for RECREATE to be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. These opening times coincide with other local op-shops; opening up the opportunity to encourage 'Op-shop hop' traffic. It is important for RECREATE to open out of work hours (e.g. Sunday) to enable access to the store from full time workers within the region and out of hours

goods drop off (all donated items to be dropped off during open hours or by appointment). A great opportunity exists for the MPNRC and The Barossa Council Library to trial a Sunday fortnightly opening to coincide with the proposed farmers market (farmers market approval separate to RECREATE proposal), to take advantage of the increased visitation and provide a number of community services from the one location: MPNRC, Library, Farmers Market, RECREATE, native plant nursery, and much more.

| DAY | MPNRC | RECREATE | Library |
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| Monday | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 5:00pm | By appointment e.g. school group | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm – 5:00pm |
| Tuesday | | By appointment | |
| Wednesday | | 9:00am - 5:00pm | |
| Thursday | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 6:00pm | 9:00am - 6:00pm | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 6:00pm |
| Friday | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 5:00pm | 9:00am - 5:00pm | 9:00am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 5:00pm |
| Sunday | Proposed trial period with MPNRC open fortnightly to coincide with proposed fortnightly farmers market | 9:00am - 1:00pm | Proposed trial period with Library open fortnightly to coincide with proposed fortnightly farmers market: to be discussed further with Library Manager |



Personnel

Management

A volunteer Sub-Committee of the MPNRC Management Committee will manage RECREATE. This will ensure some decision-making autonomy outside of the MPNRC Management Committee structure, and ensure that the volunteers involved with the RECREATE Committee are able to focus primarily on RECREATE rather than other

MPNRC projects and business. It is essential that RECREATE maintain its strong community and volunteer focus to ensure that the benefits of the store remain within the community.

A part time RECREATE Project Officer will be employed who will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of RECREATE. The Project Officer will report directly to the MPNRC Coordinator Faye McGoldrick and the RECREATE Management Committee.



Volunteers

The RECREATE Project offers the perfect platform for future employment opportunities for our volunteers. There are numerous roles in which practical experience can be obtained by our band of volunteers.

All positions will involve working as a team. We will offer a vibrant, fast paced environment with many elements. Including face to face and phone contact servicing customers, general sales, stock valuation and display, maintaining daily records and shop procedures.

Investigations are in the pipeline to enable RECREATE to offer entry-level retail certification.

The following are examples of some of the volunteer roles, which will be offered;

Retail Store Assistants – normal retail assistant activities can have people assisting in the operation of the RECREATE shop, opening/closing procedures, pricing items, creating displays, cash handling, telephone skills etc.

Material Sorter - sorting the recycled materials with a clearly defined expectation on what will be utilised by RECREATE for our reuse or sale, and what is referred to other agencies.

Workshop & Event Officer – sourcing and booking workshops and speakers for our ‘creative reuse program’. The sourcing, coordinating and marketing of these events are crucial to their success.

Fundraiser – creating opportunities through ideas and organising them for additional fundraising.

Field Trip Assistants – touring interested parties through RECREATE and the MPNRC explaining the concept and available resources.

Promotions Assistant - to help in preparation of our monthly newsletter, flyers, mass email, updating of website and other media to promote RECREATE enterprises.

Membership Officer - to keep database updated. Making sure memberships are current and organise renewals etc.

Workshop Day Aide - volunteers to help set up and clean up and assist in general on workshop days.

Nursery Assistant – display and care of native plant nursery stock.

School Program Assistant – to collate activity packs for school kids workshops etc.

Material Preparation Assistant – preparing scrap fabric and other various materials into saleable formats i.e. various lengths and shapes of fabric, balls of wool, fabric and twines for knitting, crocheting etc.

Flier Flyers – to promote our community workshops, events and projects by placing flyers on various community noticeboards and letterbox drops.



Key Objectives

The objectives for The RECREATE Project are to:

- Create and rapidly expand a reputation for high quality recycled and reusable goods and personable service delivery
 - Maintain an internal training and skills development program for volunteers and customers
 - Continually increase monthly inflow targets
 - Develop a simple, easy to use daily record keeping system
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- Develop efficient timetabling and associated volunteers rosters
 - Begin marketing to potentially new and existing MPNRC customers
 - Reduce landfill waste by efficient resource analysis, diversion and reuse allocation
 - Develop systems for using targeted emails, direct marketing, letterbox drops, local noticeboards and online marketing opportunities
 - Forge relationships with the local print, radio and television media through community announcements
 - Introduce a volunteer incentive scheme
 - Involve local businesses in the raising of funds
 - Develop relationships with local businesses and manufactures to divert significant waste from landfill, for reuse / recreating etc.



SWOT Analysis

| Strengths | Weaknesses |
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| <p>Unique product and service combination</p> <p>Central and accessible location</p> <p>Competitively priced</p> <p>Large knowledge base</p> <p>Volunteer people power for personalised service</p> <p>Low capital start up costs with minimal ongoing expenses</p> <p>A team of volunteers could potentially generate significant cash profits</p> <p>MPNRC familiar to locals for last 10 years</p> | <p>Existing premises needs repairs to avoid possible injury, liability or damage to stock</p> <p>Lack of control in the upkeep of the premises</p> <p>The availability of customer orientated volunteers</p> <p>Currently no volunteer succession plan</p> |
| Opportunities | Threats |
| <p>A huge Open Day to launch The RECREATE Project with workshops, artists, feature installation</p> <p>Offer discount days and coupons</p> <p>Unique opportunity to begin a membership program</p> <p>Selling courses and/or events at MPNRC</p> <p>To fund the development of the MPNRC multi-purpose community facility</p> <p>Work with / provide space for Mt P Hospital and Primary School fundraising (e.g. dedicated fundraising table at RECREATE)</p> <p>Workshops: increase community awareness, education & skills</p> <p>New local employment: artists for workshops, RECREATE Project Officer</p> | <p>Economic factors may reduce spending</p> <p>It is difficult to maintain a point of difference</p> <p>Possible resistance from Mt Pleasant Hospital and Primary School fund raising committees</p> <p>The Barossa council ownership of the building can inevitably mean extended delays in commencement of project.</p> |



Establishment Costs

Establishment costs for RECREATE are minimal: the Stone Shed building requires some renovation; the majority of shop fit-out furniture has already been donated or purchased; and the initial stock for sale from the store will all be donated. The MPNRC has successfully received \$10,000 from the Conservation Council of South Australia, to complete an energy efficient retrofit on the RECREATE building (including weather seal, rain water collection, insulation, ceiling fans, LED lighting, window and doors, Solar Source heating installed). Existing volunteers are already helping with the building upgrade and shop fit out. The MPNRC has provided the initial seed funding to employ the RECREATE Project Officer, and discussions are underway to finalise contribution to the seed fund by two other regional businesses.



Summary

The Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre Inc. is excited about the opportunity to expand our services and begin generating a new avenue of income: supporting increased levels of employment and operation within the region. We see RECREATE as providing an important education and waste reduction service within the community whilst promoting social connections and new volunteer opportunities.

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