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CITY OF ONKAPARINGA TO RECEIVE \$750,000 IN GREEN PRECINCTS FUNDING

The City of Onkaparinga will receive \$750,000 in Rudd Government funding through the *Green Precincts* program to transform the Woodcroft Library and Neighbourhood Centre into an iconic and sustainable green hub.

Visiting the centre in southern Adelaide, Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator Penny Wong, said the funding would help the Council implement its *Woodcroft Green Precinct* project.

“This \$750,000 commitment will assist the Council to upgrade the Woodcroft Library and Neighbourhood Centre with a stormwater harvesting system, solar power and several innovative water and energy saving technologies,” Senator Wong said.

“With more than 300,000 people visiting the Woodcroft precinct each year, these exciting new additions will showcase the benefits of sustainable living through innovative technology.

“A stormwater harvesting system will capture some 900,000 litres of water per year, which will be enough to provide 100 per cent of the precinct’s non-potable water requirements plus 400,000 litres that will be given to neighbouring Woodcroft College for their irrigation.

“As we work to tackle climate change and deal with drought, projects like this will become increasingly important to provide tangible examples to other organisations looking for ways to reduce their water and energy use.”

Minister Garrett said the site would incorporate energy saving technologies including photovoltaic panels, a solar power grid connected to car park lighting, a solar thermal hot water system and a more energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

“This project will reduce the Centre’s energy use by 65 per cent and save about 122 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, which is the equivalent of taking 35 cars off the road,” Minister Garrett said.

The *Woodcroft Green Precinct* project is funded from the Rudd Government’s *Green Precincts Fund*, an initiative to prepare Australia for a future with less water and to encourage local communities to better manage their water and energy use.

Further *Green Precincts Fund* recipients will be announced over coming weeks.