



Builders Clean Site Workshop held in Geelong

GEELONG- Friday 26th September, 2008 – Geelong and the Surfcoast is a growing region, with new housing estates popping up all over the place. This influx of building activity has highlighted the need for building sites to be well managed to ensure minimal environmental degradation and optimal resource efficiency. To encourage precisely this, yesterday a Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Clean Site workshop was held at a Metricon building site in Leopold.

Well attended by both builders and council officers the workshop showcased current technologies and practices that minimise environmental impacts from building sites. The workshop was conducted by Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria and supported by the Barwon Regional Waste Management Group, City of Greater Geelong and Metricon.

The workshop provided an overview of Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's Clean Site program which aims to support builders to manage their sites in an environmentally sustainable way. In most instances the environmentally sound practices are very simple- actions such as installing lidded skips to reduce wind blown litter, lining wash pits with newspaper to capture concrete, plaster and paint residues avoiding them entering our storm water systems, and leaving a buffer zone of grass around the site to reduce sediment run off into the gutters, were discussed and displayed.

More sophisticated solutions such as geo-textile sediment barriers and temporary down pipe connectors were also covered.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for the building sector to network with council officers. Future workshops are planned to be held in the region to further encourage and support builders to improve their site management.

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