



STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party



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Supporting Envision's Lids for Kids Initiative

Stuart Grimley, Member for Western Victoria is using his Electorate Office to support charities in the area. This includes the current initiative of collecting plastic bottle caps for *Envision* to make artificial limbs for disabled children.

Envision are a not-for-profit organisation who help significantly disadvantaged, disabled and isolated community members via the donation of goods and services. They also employ marginalised individuals by providing them with innovative and engaging work experiences to enhance their employment prospects.

The "Envision Hands" initiative converts plastic bottle lids and other recycled plastic to make artificial hands for children in third world countries.

As well as this program, Envision use donations to create new projects for their employees to work on, including making 'musical walls' for kindergartens and large bird aviaries for community members. Recycling items which would otherwise be thrown into landfill assists the charity in carrying out sustainable operations, a large focus of theirs.

The policeman-turned-MP who opened his office in Pearl Street last month, is encouraging members of the broader Surf Coast community to drop off plastic bottle caps to achieve the ambitious goal of filling a 1 metre tall mobile office stand. This comes after the success of last months' St Vinnies Winter Appeal where Mr Grimley's Torquay office was used as a drop off point for blanket collection. The result of which was dozens of blankets received from conscientious community members for passing onto St Vinnies.

Please note that only bottle lids with a 2 or a 4 (usually surrounded by a triangle, but not always) are able to be used due to their plastic composition.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"I think having an Electorate Office is an opportunity to bring the community together and support some great local initiatives.

This initiative isn't going to fix the current recycling crisis, but it's an excellent way to repurpose a type of plastic and educate our kids on the different types of plastics in circulation.

Envision are doing a great job in repurposing used items - not just plastic - to help marginalised and low-socio economic groups.

The huge success of the St Vinnies Winter Appeal blanket drive in July up until Homelessness Week was a sign for us to keep doing what we're doing and support groups who need a bit of help."

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