

# Win-win situation for recycling

LOCAL haulage and construction company A Line East will help the Merredin Lions Club care for the community by taking collected glass to Perth for recycling.

New restrictions have meant that containers used for grain hauling cannot be used for glass, so the Lions club had to look for a new sponsor after many successful trips with Peter Hooper of Merredin General Freight.

Lions recycling committee member Bill Ivey said it was a fantastic undertaking for A Line East to transport the glass for free and it meant all profits from the recycling would go straight back into the community.

More than 14 tonnes of glass was recently picked up and, combined with the nine tonnes collected by the Merredin Shire in August, will return a significant amount of money to the community.

Merredin Freight Lines helped transport all other recycling material and in 2005-06 alone, \$28,000 was raised directly from recycling.

Kylie Brierty of A Line East said the Lions club had explained the significant contribution of recycling to Merredin, including the funds raised and the benefits of tidying up the town and minimising landfill.

"We look after the roads and we are conscious of the litter that can build up," she said.

"We support the initiative because it encourages recycling and the development of Merredin as well."

The Lions club recycles papers, magazines, phone books, plastic, cans and glass and their facility can be found near the Duff Street Industrial Centre.

A glass bunker was installed by the shire three years ago.

Mr Ivey said the new arrangement would have benefits for the community.

"The more we can recycle, the more money comes back to Merredin, so it is a win-win situation," he said.



Helping the community: A Line East will take 14 tonnes of glass to Perth free of charge with the profits being returned to Merredin.

