



Builders helping our churches go green

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CHURCHES are going green.

While Catholic charities are benefiting from recycling by building workers, the Uniting Church is assessing its ecological footprint.

Hansen Yuncken building workers are donating their empty cans and bottles while working at the new SA Water building in Victoria Square, set to become the city's first six-star green project.

The money raised is being



distributed among charities run by the Catholic Church.

Project manager James Redwood said the development aimed to be green in construction and after completion. "It's all about trying to educate the workers as to

what's good for the environment," he said.

Catholic Charities executive officer Joan Young said money would be donated to causes such as the Hutt St Centre and Catherine House.

"If it goes as well as it has been, we will probably collect about \$50 per month," Ms Young said.

Meanwhile, the Uniting Church is to phase in a new fleet of carbon-neutral vehicles which have emissions offset by CMI Toyota's car-

bon neutral program. By 2010, it hopes to have more than 70 per cent of the cars in its 100-strong fleet offsetting carbon emissions.

"We believe that this is one small way in which we can demonstrate our commitment to protecting the environment," said the church's SA general secretary and chief executive, Dr Graham Humphri.

Future projects planned include installing solar power and rainwater tanks.