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Climate change expert helps RPH go green

A prominent climate change expert trained by former American Vice President Al Gore, is coming to Royal Perth Hospital to give two presentations on climate change.

Gary Warden will be giving two 40 minute lectures called "Ward off Climate Change" on October 23 in the Brian Vivien Lecture Theatre at 12.15 and 1.15 pm respectively, with lunch supplied at midday.

Gary Warden was raised in the Perth Hills and after graduating from the University of Western Australia with a degree in Geology, he joined BHP Billiton where he spent 18 years working in a variety of roles in many locations across the world.

Prior to leaving BHP Billiton in December 2006, Mr Warden was Global Manager for the company's US \$1 Billion business improvement plan.

While originally sceptical about claims relating to climate change, Mr Warden became convinced of the need for urgent action on the issue in early 2006. He left BHP Billiton to spend more time with his young family and dedicate himself to warding off climate change.

The lectures have been welcomed by the Health Environmental Awareness Team (HEAT) at Royal Perth Hospital.

RPH Energy and Waste Coordinator Ray Stevenson said HEAT members concentrate on energy management, waste reduction and the increase in recycling within the workplace.

"The idea behind HEAT is that passionate people within the hospital will volunteer to learn how they can help.

"We are aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution caused by our activities which will lead to RPH becoming a more responsible corporate citizen."

The allocation of two hours per month during work time has been endorsed for members of the Health Environmental Awareness Team (HEAT) to develop and implement environmental initiatives.

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