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TCF Attracts Interstate Success Story

Selling rubbish since 1998 is the catchcry of Scott Kilmartin from **Haul**, winner of B3000 City of Melbourne Business of the Year 2008 who is making flying visit to Perth to support two events being staged on May 20th by the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA) and Belmont BEC – Small Business Centre.

Haul makes product for enterprises from their billboards, uses both found and recycled materials for installation art pieces, makes furniture for bars and cafes and designs urban lifestyle accessories, Haul is green, street, design, furniture, art and innovation.

First up at 9am, May 20th, Scott is guest speaker at the **Innovation and Opportunities in Small Business** seminar being staged by the **designedge Innovation Festival** at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA East Perth. The 2hr session has a number of speakers from leading WA TCF firms including Steel Blue Industrial footwear, Stewart & Heaton Clothing Company world leaders in fire services sector flame retardant clothing and Aboriginal Artists Leanne Manado and Jilalaga Murray-Ranui will be showcasing innovative talents in art & textiles.

Designedge Innovation Festival now in its 5th year is WA's largest community based Innovation Festival with over 40 events running in just 30 days and it has grouped together a great range of innovative small businesses to share their stories over the month of events, displays and workshops.

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Later that day, Scott is also guest of honour and guest speaker at **TCF Wednesday Forum** event in Perth at Ferrara Bar. TCFWA holds regular networking forums for those involved in the WA fashion, textile, clothing, footwear, and leather industry and other guest designers that evening include Cre Millar Loungewear, Buli J and EmbroidMe, The events are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6pm-8pm with new range of designers and speakers every month.

Carol Hanlon, Manager of TCFWA Business Growth project said about both events, "We are lucky to have someone of Scott's business calibre and great innovation to take the time to visit WA for his one day of speaking engagements for us as a volunteer."

The TCF Australia Business Growth Project provides those in the fashion industry access to business workshops, online mentoring, forums, industry cluster networks, national and global linkages to small businesses operating in the textile, clothing, footwear & leather industry across Australia.

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