



*Westcare Industries' Assembler, Steve Rotodella (right) works on the new cat attracting device under the watchful eye of its inventor, Departmental Research Scientist Dave Algar.*

# Department and Westcare combine to fight feral cats

**THE Department has joined forces with Westcare Industries—an organisation employing people with disabilities—to manufacture a device to trap feral cats.**

The device was invented by Dave Algar, one of our research scientists based at Woodvale, and his research team.

Dave said the success of the traps was great news for the Department's nature conservation programs because wildlife recovery programs (such as Western Shield) relied on controlling foxes and cats before native species could be re-introduced.

The trap uses a recording to make 'miaow' sounds to attract inquisitive cats into traps and will be used by the Department as part of an extensive state-wide feral cat control program.

Environment and Heritage Minister Dr Judy Edwards signed letters of exchange on behalf of the Department with Westcare's Chief Executive, Richard Elsey, to mark the start of the venture. If successful, the agreement will be formalised with a contract next year.

The Department has worked with Westcare for many years and is delighted that it can manufacture and sell the devices to the Department and to other outlets around the world.

Westcare employs more than 100 people in the printing, packaging, embroidery and electronics industries. The agreement to make the cat traps will help to keep 12 people in employment.

Richard Elsey said the traps would be manufactured at Westcare's Bentley factory in Technology Park.

"We'll be making a significant effort to promote it and increase sales because it will generate regular income," he said.

"The other bonus is that our workers, like most people, like to do something that is useful and beneficial to the community.

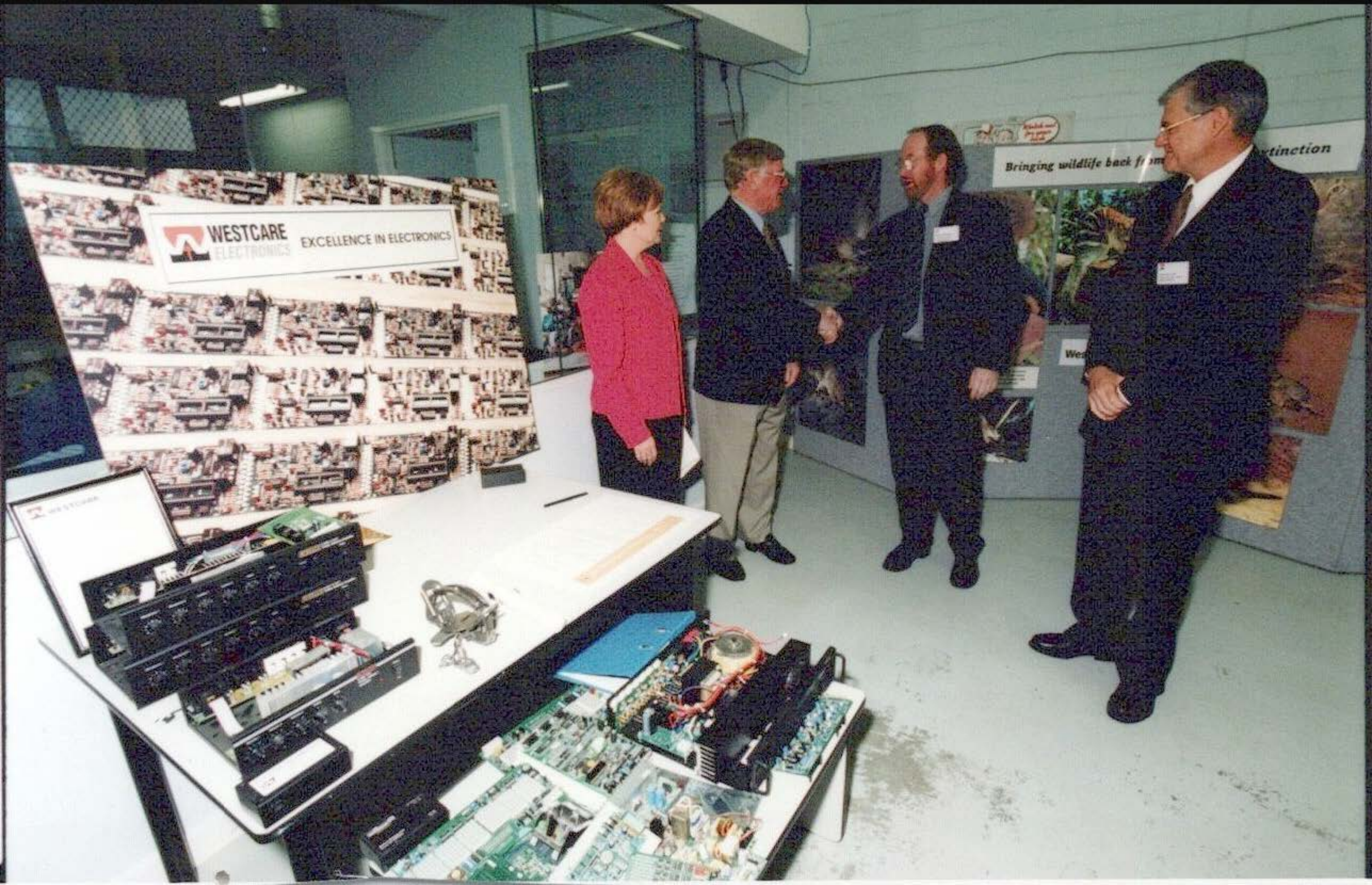
"It gives their working day a bit more dignity and they are excited about our arrangement and partnership with the Department."

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## Brief History of the Christmas Seats

The history of Christmas seats is a long and interesting one. It all began in the early 1900s when a group of people decided to create a special seat for the Christmas season. They used a variety of materials, including wood, metal, and fabric, to create seats that were both functional and festive. Over the years, the design of Christmas seats has evolved, and today they are a popular and essential part of the holiday season.



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