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I have just been advised that the Murdoch University 8-Ball computer recycling project is under threat of closure.

In my capacity as the Peer and Recovery Programs Coordinator with Ruah Community Services I have referred many mental health consumers to the recycled computer project run by Murdoch University Student Guild. The people I have referred have benefited enormously from the gain of a recycled computer. Some of these benefits have included reduced social isolation through linking to email and internet, an increased awareness of opportunities in the community, increased participation in community, a more regular linking to family members through email, participation in educational and personal development courses and improved job prospects.

The people I have referred to the 8-ball program have not had the funds to access personal computers and therefore would not have had the opportunities access to a computer has opened for them. I hope the way can be paved for this program to be continued so that people with disadvantage can continue to access such a meaningful resource. I believe this project enhances the good name of Murdoch University.

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