

Playford Alive & BoysTown

The foundations for a brighter future

Helping to build new futures for local people is just one of the things that Playford Alive does well.

Our partnership with the BoysTown social enterprise scheme and Housing SA can take a barrow load of the credit for this great initiative.

Housing SA has a commitment to provide up to six housing refurbishments a year for BoysTown participants to work on – learning specific building and construction skills that will lead to them being better equipped to find a job.

The homes are in the project renewal areas of Smithfield Plains and Davoren Park. Four homes have recently been completed in Roberts Crescent with another now being worked on in Clarendon Street.

“Teams of local, marginalised young people from BoysTown work on the refurbishment of the buildings learning such skills as plastering, carpentry, installation, tiling, gyprocking and landscaping,” said Stephen Wales, Regional Manager of BoysTown, whose motto is ‘Fresh Start – New Hope!’

“They are teamed with accredited trainers, a supervisor and a case manager to help them make the most of their chance at a new start,” he said.

Roman Kowalczyk, Housing SA’s Northern Regional Manager, said “Playford Alive is a beacon for change, and this scheme is proof of what can be achieved for our local youth through linking a development project directly to local people.”

“This is just the sort of teamwork and partnering that’s making Playford Alive so invaluable for strengthening the community.” he said.

“This demonstrates how Playford Alive is developing pathways for local people not only through our contracts but with the isolation of various infrastructure works for live training sites,” said Wayne Gibbings, Chief Executive of the Land Management Corporation, which is the lead government agency behind the Playford Alive project.



L-R: John Webb, BoysTown Apprentice; Dean Gibson, Construction Supervisor BoysTown; Jake Leecroft, BoysTown Apprentice; Danny Benfield, Enterprise Trainer BoysTown; Shaun Dodman, BoysTown Apprentice; Stephen Wales, Regional Manager BoysTown; Lynn Steven, Community Building Coordinator Housing SA Elizabeth.