

A Brush with Kindness (BWK) Collaborates with the Council's Imagine Arts and Cultural Action Group

A Brush With Kindness (BWK) is an exterior home preservation program that offers painting, landscaping and minor repair services to eligible homeowners so they can continue to live in safe and acceptable homes for years to come.



Photo: left to right – Rachel Gurr, Peter Sawley (Energy Education Australia), Sonny Lombardi, Vivienne Maher (Junction Australia) Amara Schillabeer, Demi Noles, Jaidyn Lawn and Russell Flavel (Habitat for Humanity)

Projects include painting, landscaping, weatherisation and minor repair services. The program is an international program run by *Habitat for Humanity* in many countries around the world: Australia being one of them.

The program now has hooked up with the Arts and Cultural Imagine Group who have arranged through the Council to provide truckloads of mulch and other support to deliver these projects in collaboration.

This is the second house project successfully undertaken in the last six months with hopefully many more to come.

The Imagine Arts and Cultural Action Group idea was born from the community during the 'Imagine Your Rural City Campaign' in 2010/11. The concept was for the Council to work in



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collaboration with the community to achieve goals together.

The Arts and Cultural Imagine Action Group have been very successful achieving 43 community projects in the last few years and has another 17 projects currently in the pipeline.

This group is co-ordinated and assisted by the Council's Community Development Staff who work with individual Community members and act as the conduit directly to the Council. Staff attempt to successfully connect the community with the right person at the Council to make things happen.

Mr Peter Sawley, Executive Director of Energy Education Australia, said "It's exciting to work with such a diverse range of people including the Council, young people and the community to achieve wonderful outcomes"

If you are a community minded resident who would like to become a part of the Council's Imagine Program or become involved with 'A Brush with Kindness' please contact the following people:

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