

Real change

Funding will help centre support homelessness

The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre recently won an open tender process to run the Boarding House Outreach Project aimed at supporting disadvantaged and those at risk of homelessness.

Executive Officer of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Lisa Burns, was elated by the grant and said it will make a real change in the community.

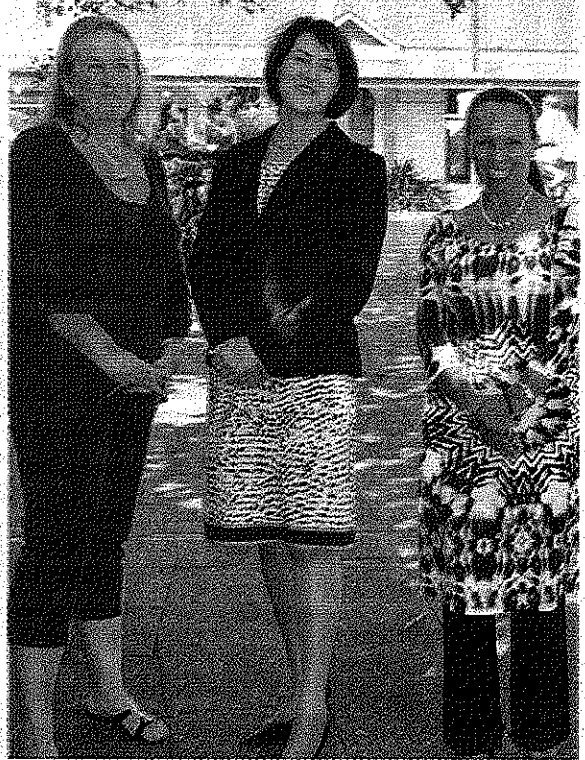
"Many people in boarding houses experience some levels of community and social isolation," Ms Burns said.

"It will work as a wraparound service - not just improving their housing situation but their employment, educational, health and opportunities to participate more in their local community.

"Through the program, one-on-one case workers will be employed to help transition vulnerable members of the community into mainstream society."

Minister for Community Services, Linda Burney, and Member for Marrickville, Carmel Tebbutt, visited the centre on Wednesday, to announce the not-for-profit group would receive \$834,000 in funding over two and a half years to deliver an outreach program.

Ms Tebbutt said the service will



Lisa Burns from Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, with Carmel Tebbutt and Linda Burney.

benefit residents in the inner city, as well as Leichhardt, Canterbury and Marrickville local government areas.

"This centre is well placed to run the outreach program because they already provide services to...people on low incomes," Ms Tebbutt said.