



# Affordable Housing for Life Project for 'at risk' Young People

# Context background of the Affordable Housing for Life Project

- Homelessness and unemployment for young people in Western Sydney are entrenched and increasing problems.
- Unemployment levels in this area is currently as high as 20% (national average of 5.4%).
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- Significantly high youth unemployment rate 15 to 19 age group, with 19.4% for Blacktown South-East
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- Western Sydney education levels which are below the NSW average.

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# Brief outline of the Affordable Housing for Life Project

**Contribute to the pool of social housing in Western Sydney**

- **Create employment opportunities for ‘at risk’ Young People construction of homes**
- **Create further and ongoing employment in maintenance of affordable housing.**
- **Opportunity for young people to live in the homes, with no time limit to move on**
- **Provision of ongoing case management support and wrap around services**



# Project Partners in the Affordable Housing for Life Project



- **Marist Youth Care**
- **BoysTown**
- **St John of God Healthcare**
- **Bridgeworks Employment and Training**
- **St Michael's Family Centre**

# Broad support for the Affordable Housing for Life Project



- **State and Local Council**
- **Macquarie University**
- **UTS**
- **BlueScope**
- **Real Estate Institute of NSW**

# Future plans for the Affordable Housing for Life Project

- **First two homes are in Blacktown LGA**
- **Expand throughout NSW**
- **Prospectus launch in 2010**



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**Thank you**

