



ON COMMON GROUND

Foundation Housing - 100 Hampton Road

For the past year Growing Towards Wellness has been delivering a non-accredited community based program at Foundation Housing's 100 Hampton Road in Fremantle. Thanks to funding from the Department of Training and Workforce Development residents who have been experiencing chronic homelessness due to various barriers have gained a wealth of skills and have moved from 'securing housing' to 'creating a home'. The facility has seen new landscaping, a community vegetable garden and a 'common ground' for fellowship with other residents within the complex. Jimmy O'Rourke, Director of GTW, says he is proud to be involved in such a meaningful and innovative project providing a much needed service to some of our most marginalised community members. The South West Institute of Technology is a mainstream TAFE provider and was the RTO partner for this project, providing direction and support for mainstream education and training. Residents have also participated in paid work across various community sites and locations undertaking important conservation land management & environment restoration project work, including community and industry work in Azelia Ley Museum, Pinjarra farmland & wetlands and in high conservation areas at private properties in Coolup. This project has engaged the residents in a highly positive and active way with participants keen to continue in 2013.



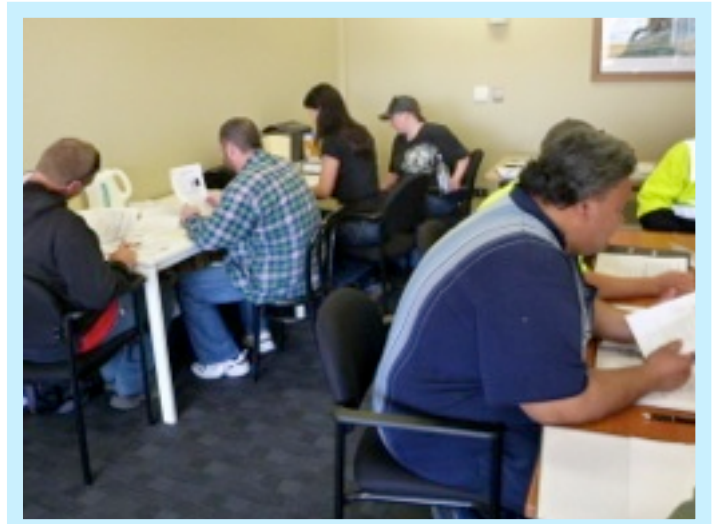
• Pre-vocational skills training in tools development



• Working in a team discussing the design of the vegetable garden



• Beginning of site redevelopment



• Residents engage in a brief classroom session