



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$5000 donated to upgrade Salvation Army youth centre in Shepparton: Kleenheat Gas supports the Brayton's Youth and Family Services centre.**

This Friday will see Kleenheat Gas continue its ongoing partnership with the Salvation Army, as the company presents a \$5000 cheque to The Salvation Army's Brayton Youth and Family Services.

The donation will be used to upgrade the weathered facilities at the Shepparton based centre, which delivers a range of programs to over 200 young people in surrounding communities such as emergency housing and counselling.

The Salvation Army program director Mark Rumble said the services and facilities offer support and understanding to young people facing critical family and social situations, 99% of which are dealing with breakdowns in the family unit or come from dysfunctional families.

Mr Rumble said: "By the time a young person reaches our program they have experienced a great deal of rejection and trauma which can result in a crisis situation. It is our job to work with the young person to stabilise them and ensure they have the necessary skills to re-engage the community and/or their families."

With an increasing numbers of young people using Brayton Youth and Family Services, Kleenheat territory manager Dean Bentley said the centre was in desperate need of assistance.

"The centre has a continual stream of young people visiting and staying at the facility, so it's important to give the centre a good sprucing and make it as comfortable and inviting as possible," said Mr Bentley.

This is the fourth time Kleenheat has joined forces with The Salvation Army to assist a community in need. The Regional Care Services program was established in 2009 with the purpose of supporting a different community in regional Australia each month by providing operational funding and donations.

In 2009 Kleenheat Gas launched the partnership with volunteers from Kleenheat Gas assisting with the construction of permaculture gardens in the Kinglake Village, which houses approximately 50 residents whose homes were destroyed in the February 2009 bushfires.

#### **ENDS**

#### **MEDIA PHOTO / FOOTAGE OPPORTUNITY**

Date: Thursday 4th March 2010  
Time: 2pm for speech and \$5000 cheque presentation  
Location: The Salvation Army, Brayton Youth & Family Services  
360 River Rd, Kialla

#### **TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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