

Cubbies painted for Coastal kids

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A GROUP of Coastal kids have spent their time building and painting cubby houses which will be donated for other children to make memories in.

Youth, Family and Community Connections is donating two cubby houses made and painted during its youth group sessions in Burnie to the Warrawee Women's Shelter.

Taya Wells, 11, said it was rewarding to know she was doing something that would "make someone's day".

"I am really happy that we are donating to a good cause," she said.

"On one we have a nature theme with flowers, bees and bright colours and on the other one we are going with rainbows and polka dots."

YFCC's Jonathan Cowen said the young people, between 11 and 18-years-old, that attend the sessions on Wednesday afternoons had



CRAFTY CUBBY: YFCC's Jonathan Cowen, Taya Wells, Myra Yaxley and Kristy Olsen with one of the cubby houses that will be donated to the Warrawee Women's Shelter.

embraced the chance to help others.

"Every term we are trying to do a project where we can give back to the community," he said.

"We have joined in with the Burnie works murals, but this time we came up with the idea of cubby houses

and Warrawee seemed like the obvious place to donate them to.

"They were all so on board with the idea, it was really loved to see.

"When you give them the opportunity to give back to the community they grab it with both hands and really

run with it."

A Warrawee spokeswoman said the cubby houses would go to their transitional accommodation properties where they would be "well loved".

"For kids it will be another safe space for them to be as well as the house," they said.

More affordable homes on the way

ANOTHER lot of affordable housing could be heading to Burnie's suburbs.

The Burnie City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously to dispose of a section of its land at Shorewell Park.

The land will be gifted to the Supported Affordable Accommodation Trust, specifically to be used for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

The lot at 1 Mussen Close lies adjacent to Three Mile Line Road, opposite the fire station.

It joins a host of other blocks in that area slated for affordable housing, including a \$3.7 million, 49-lot subdivision on Kentish Drive.

The council at its Tuesday night meeting also voted on a motion by Ken Dorsey to develop an action plan to deal with CBD crime.

General manager Simon Overland was careful to point out that most instances of crime were police matters, and that the council had a "good working relationship" with Tasmania Police.

He said the council tried to clean up graffiti as soon as possible, but could only deal



with graffiti and van on council property.

Mr Overland noted council may want to consider more CCTV cameras in town.

The motion was supported by Crs Dorsey and Chris Lynch.

The council also entered an application site of the former Backpackers on View to be established for accommodation and food services.

Cr Dorsey pointed the building had been used in that way, council staff said they only take that in to consider if it was mentioned in the application. The was refused.