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Students helping to rebuild the “Peachey Belt”

Students in the Northern Suburbs are helping to rebuild the Peachey Belt Community according to Light MP, Mr Tony Piccolo.

Speaking at the at the recent handover ceremony held at Smithfield Plains for the 2009 Doorways 2 Construction project, Mr Piccolo told the guests these students will be able to look back in ten years with pride and point to the homes they have refurbished as part of their studies, and say they were part of the project to rebuild the “Peachey Belt community”

“These students are an important part of the \$1 billion program to rebuild and revitalise the Peachey belt through the Playford Alive project” said Mr Piccolo.

The project was initiated by Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) in 2000 and is a partnership with Housing SA, Northern Futures, NASSSA, Master Builders Associated, Housing Industry Association, and TAFE.

Mr Piccolo said students are selected from all High Schools in the Northern area, public and non government.

“In 2001 the project started with 15 students, one day a week.” Mr Piccolo said.

“In 2009 there were 45 students over 3 days a week.”

Mr Piccolo said since 2003 the project has fully renovated 2 properties every year.

Mr Piccolo said the program is a skilled based project where students achieved a Certificate 1 in Building.

“Since 2001 the project has achieved outstanding success, with nearly 70% of students obtaining apprenticeships or traineeships.” said Mr Piccolo.

Mr Piccolo said in 2007 the project won awards at the Prime Minister’s Awards and the SA Training Awards, in 2008 was a major award winner of the AHI awards, and in 2009 won a Premier’s Award for sustainable programs.

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