



media release



BoysTown

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Celebrating local Indigenous achievers

This NAIDOC Week (July 4-11) is an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians.

BoysTown Regional Manager Ann Chandra said the theme of the week 'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way' makes it the perfect time to recognise Indigenous young people who are local heroes.

"Kurtis Foy recently joined BoysTown's Participate in Prosperity (PiP) program, which provides vocational and personal support to young ex-offenders in the Logan region," she said.

"In just twelve months he has turned his life around and is setting a fine example for his family and community."

Following four weeks of intensive employability skills training, Kurtis joined a BoysTown warehousing crew subcontracted to work with APC Storage Solutions.

"Kurtis instantly impressed APC management and BoysTown staff alike with his motivation, presentation, ability to meet deadlines and punctuality," Ms Chandra said.

"He proved to be a fine example for his peers, made himself available to new team members when they needed assistance or guidance and has secured full-time employment with APC."

APC Storage Solutions' Queensland Manager Chris West said he was greatly impressed with Kurtis' effort and dedication.

"He presents himself very well, works very hard and is a great role model for other young people who come to us through BoysTown," he said.

Kurtis' success has had the flow on effect of improving the life of his young family.

"Working full-time at APC means I will be able to afford my own place for my son and girlfriend," he said.

"Being able to support my family financially means I am also less stressed."

BoysTown helps disadvantaged children and young people aged to 25 years connect with the community and build the skills and confidence to make a fresh start in life. The youth welfare and advocacy agency provides a range of services including counselling, employment, education and training, youth work, social development and life skills.

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