

5 November 2009

BoysTown opens new Job Services facilities in Adelaide

- EVENT:** Opening of new BoysTown Job Services Australia premises by Federal Member for Wakefield Nick Champion MP
- DATE:** Friday, 6 November
- TIME:** 9.00am – visit of BoysTown worksites with Mr Champion and Senator for South Australia Don Farrell
10.00 am – official opening by Mr Champion
- VENUE:** 24 Langford Drive, Elizabeth
- ATTENDEES:** Federal Member for Wakefield Nick Champion MP, Senator for South Australia Don Farrell, Mayor of Salisbury, local councillors, industry representatives and the young people BoysTown supports
- PHOTOS:** Mr Champion and Senator Farrell and young people in the new BoysTown facility and at BoysTown worksites
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Federal Member for Wakefield Nick Champion MP will officially open BoysTown's new Job Services premises in Elizabeth this Friday, 6 November.

BoysTown Chief Executive Officer Tracy Adams said adding Job Services to BoysTown's programs means BoysTown increases its ability to help young people from the Salisbury/Playford region obtain suitable employment.

"The expansion is such that we needed to find new accommodation, moving from our much smaller site at Elizabeth TAFE to the larger Langford Drive location," Ms Adams said.

"Since Job Services started in July this year, close to 300 young people from the Salisbury/Playford region have been supported by the service.

"We aim to work with at least an additional 200 young people this year, providing them with a mix of training, work experience and other interventions to help them obtain suitable employment."

Ms Adams said including Job Services in the BoysTown portfolio also means a greater emphasis will go on meeting employer needs, particularly where there are skill shortages.

"Issues in the Salisbury/Playford region include the impact of intergenerational unemployment on young people's aspirations and self perceptions along with their educational disengagement," she said.

"It is crucial that we establish strong links and clear pathways between education and training, and local employment opportunities if we are to address these issues and create sustainable change."

BoysTown has worked in the Salisbury/Playford region since 2006, providing work preparation, pre-employment training and re-engagement programs for young people aged to 25 years.

Job Services and other programs operate from 24 Langford Drive, Elizabeth, ph: 08 8287 8000.

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