

WITH HEART

Helping hands for RSPCA and TCC projects

VOLUNTEERS from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently worked with the Toowoomba City Council re-foresting an area at Picnic Point, while more volunteers from the church helped at RSPCA fixing animal enclosures.

Members of the Church in Toowoomba joined with fellow counterparts all over Australia on the same day, helping their communities.

Toowoomba City Council Bushcare Facilitator Veronica Newbury said the help was wonderful.

Currently, only three people are involved in restoring the natural habitat – she and two volunteers, Hugh and Kay Krensko, who have been volunteering with them for about four years.

"We are working in four areas around Toowoomba," Veronica said. "After clearing weeds like privet and lantana, there was nothing left in some areas, so we need to restore the habitat that may have been there originally."

"Some of the vines and plants we planted will attract endangered or vulnerable species of butterfly like the Richmond Bird Wing Butterfly."

At the RSPCA, Mormon Helping Hands volunteers were making play equipment for a dog enclosure, mulching between two fences and moving an 820kg concrete pipe, donated by Hume, for a dog run.

"We greatly appreciated the help. It meant that the dogs got to use the dog run quicker and it was one step closer to being completed," RSPCA Shelter Manager Michael Duncan said.

"There are only four staff members here and any volunteer work is so appreciated. Some people come in to help for a few hours, some for one day a week. We have one who comes in to take the dogs out for a walk."

"We also want to get started an education program, where we would teach at schools about animal welfare and care," he said.



Tyler Kelly with his sister Sarah Kelly and Damien Rose (right) in the dog enclosure at the RSPCA.



Hugh (left) and Kay Krensko (centre) with Martin Cameron (2nd Counsellor in Bishopric of Toowoomba Ward (of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints).



Liam Cameron (left) and Kay Krensko place string for vines to grow on