



LEADERSHIP

A hand for homeless

By Rob Greenwood

SARA Griffin has a vision to offer protection and stability to homeless people in the northern suburbs.

A member of Playford Council's Mayor's Community Leadership Program, Ms Griffin, 43, who works for Anglicare, and her team developed Shelter for the Homeless, a project providing temporary accommodation to those in need.

"People don't realise the power the individual has," Ms Griffin, of Elizabeth



South, said. "I realised there is a gap of at least a few weeks, between when people become homeless and when we are able to help them get somewhere to live," she said.

Together with team members Steve Coppins and Vicki Bourke, they devised packages of tents, sleeping bags and air mattresses, which could be loaned out to provide short-term shelter in backyards or camp sites.

"The aim now is to try and encourage as many people as possible to donate money if they can, or even old tents that they've never used," Ms Griffin said.

nrM People wanting to sponsor Shelter for the Homeless, can call 8209 5454.



CAMPING OUT: Sara Griffin, Steve Coppins and Vicki Bourke have developed a program called Shelter for the Homeless.

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