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## Girl Guide hall renovation gets helping hand

**Michelle Barkley**

The latest project for the Wellington Correctional Centre, renovating the Girl Guides hall, was finished just in time for Christmas last year.

"If they hadn't renovated it, it wouldn't have been done," Guides volunteer Susan Morely said.

"Now people will see that we're here and there's plenty of room to grow. Everyone has been stopping to ask if the building is new," she said.

Acting general manager of the Wellington Correctional Centre, Scott Brideoake said that he was proud of the industry standard of work achieved and hoped that the group will have a lot of projects to work on this year, describing Local Community Projects as an important stepping stone in the reparation process, preparing inmates for life outside prison.

"They get valuable experience renovating and build-

ing and I think in some ways coming out in the community and being seen to be doing something for the community gives them a sense of pride," Mr Brideoake said.

"It helps them to gain employment and the opportunity creates a sense of purpose; to get up in the morning and go to work.

"Getting into a routine is important, too and it helps for when they're looking for a job. There's a potential for change."



■ Scott Brideoake, Doug Ney (Community Project overseer), Kim and Riley Turner, Elizabeth and Susan Morley.