

# Packed with help for homeless

THE bright yellow backpacks could just be the saviour of many a struggling youth, thanks to the Redcliffe Sunrise Rotary club.

The Shelta-Paks are crammed with necessities for young people in crisis, with the aim of keeping them independent and able to meet basic survival needs.

The backpacks have three distinct purposes – food, toiletries and survival.

The food includes cereals, long life milk, instant noodles, water and fruit, while the toiletries cover the basic requirements, including a towel.

The survival gear includes an emergency blanket, waterproof poncho, cutlery and crockery.

In conjunction with Irena Morgan of MWTC Consultancy, 10 packs have been donated to the Redcliffe Area Youth Space to be given to young homeless people.

Shelta-Pak designer Irena Morgan said the concept went beyond helping young homeless people as a refillable pack.

“The packs can be bought by other Rotary clubs for distribution to their local youth services,” she said.

“Long term homeless or unemployed young people will be able



■ Jarryd Williams, Irena Morgan and Chris Mortimer with the new Shelta-Pak at Redcliffe Youth Space.

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to earn money by packing them up before they are delivered to various clubs. They'll be part of a business that will support their peers in the community.

“We think it's an absolutely

necessary service to help young people today.”

She said she and Rotary Sunrise president Stephanie Warlters would manage the enterprise until a manager could be appointed.

Rotary Sunrise will be able to customise the packs to suit each Rotary club for use by local youth services.

■ Phone Irena Morgan on 3283 3311.

# Homeless find shelter in a pack

THE Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise will give young people in crisis the means to be independent and meet their own basic survival need for a home with a new initiative

called Shelta-Paks.

Developed by Irena Morgan of MW Training Consultants, the Shelta-Paks will be distributed to local youth services and then given to young people

who are at risk of becoming homeless. The packs contain non-perishable food and water, a range of personal hygiene products and basic survival items like an emergency blanket.