

## Flood victims given helping hand by rebuild project

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**WEATHERSHIELD:** Inspirations Paint, store manager Rodney Mason with some of the \$10,000 worth of paint that will be donated to the community rebuild project, which involves volunteers fixing flood affected homes in Bundaberg and North Burnett. Photo: Mike Knott / NewsMail

Mike Knott

THE Community Rebuild Project is gaining momentum with a crew set to repair five houses in the North Burnett during the next fortnight.

The project, run by the Salvation Army and Combined Churches Group, helps people who were flood affected and either did not have insurance, had their claim rejected or were under insured.

More than 25 homes are on the list to be repaired as part of the project which enlists labour from volunteer workers and donated materials.

Combined Churches spokeswoman Terry Litchfield said 20 homes had been fixed so far and another 25 were on the list which grew each week.

"The volunteers are just amazing," Mrs Litchfield said.

"We've got about 10 of the grey nomad retired tradies heading out to Mundubbera and Gayndah next week.

"We're making very good progress getting these vulnerable people back into their principal places of residence."

Inspirations Paint is one business doing their part to help, donating \$10,000 of paint and painting products to the project.

"We've already helped quite a few of the sporting clubs like the basketball, netball and junior cricket," Bundaberg Inspiration Paints Manager Rodney Mason said.

"We helped them with free paint to get them going again so we're happy to continue helping."

Mr Mason said it was a pleasure to help out the project.

"They were over the moon," he said.

The North Burnett Regional Council is also on board with the project agreeing to provide in-kind assistance.

"Council is pleased to be able to provide assistance with rubbish collection, waiver of waste management facility fees for disposal of building materials, mowing, rubbish bins, building inspections and advice, reconnection of reticulated water, reconnection of reticulated sewerage, and other in-kind requests at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer," Mayor Don Waugh said.

"There are currently seven homes approved for the Community Rebuild Project in the North Burnett.

"It is hoped that once the volunteers commence work in the area residents will apply to become a part of the project."