

# BHP



## PAINTING THE HALLWAYS BLUE!

Since 1963, St Bart's has been standing by the side of Western Australians experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, trauma and hardship. When they first started, St Bart's was a small homeless shelter for men. Today they are a much more progressive, inclusive and larger organisation providing support to more than 530 clients through a range of services. Their goal is to provide safe, supported accommodation and services to people who need it the most, regardless of background, age, gender or ethnicity.



On Friday 28 May, a group of 10 Grads and Interns from BHP volunteered their time to assist St Barts at their property in East Perth. The team put their painting skills to the test, being tasked with livening up the hallways of Level 5 with a fresh coat of blue paint. The team quickly got to work, masking up any wall fixtures and lights, before starting the fun part of painting. Throughout the morning, the team were able to socialise with some of residents and learn more about the people they were directly helping. By afternoon the rain and wind had arrived, so the team spent some time downstairs clearing up the common areas, before sitting down with Warren (Volunteer Coordinator at St Barts) to learn more about their services, their clients and how they can continue to help.

It was a wonderful effort by all team members, who each truly made a difference to the valuable work of St Barts. A coat of paint may seem like a small change to some, however making the environment in which so many people call home more welcoming, bright and happy will really impact the residents. Thank you to everyone involved.

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