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### **Jobs Fund supports BoysTown project**

Minister for Employment Participation Mark Arbib and Member for Rankin Craig Emerson today announced \$211,000 funding for BoysTown under the Local Jobs stream of the Australian Government's Jobs Fund.

It is one of 21 Local Jobs projects to share in \$17.5 million under Round 2 to link disadvantaged job seekers with training and employment opportunities.

Senator Arbib said BoysTown would establish an e-cycling social enterprise in Logan to provide 40 work experience opportunities to local young people and four long-term jobs.

"The e-cycling social enterprise will provide environmental, social, and economic benefits to the local community," Senator Arbib said.

"The project will recycle and refurbish retired electronic equipment for donation to families in need and recycling of hospital equipment including beds and dental chairs to remote communities.

"Projects like this will support and create jobs in the Kingston area, while providing much needed assistance to some of the most disadvantaged Australians."

Member for Rankin Craig Emerson welcomed the funding for BoysTown which would support the great work they do for the local community.

"BoysTown has a long history of helping our most disadvantaged young people and it is great to see them being supported," Mr Emerson said.

"The Government's Jobs Fund plans to create jobs and training opportunities for local workers, and build infrastructure that will benefit communities well into the future and it is good to see the local community get behind this initiative."

Funding for Local Jobs projects was negotiated with the support of the Australian Greens.

These projects will see a further 587 jobs created and retained, in addition to 150 traineeship and apprenticeship positions and 304 work experience placements.

A full list of Round 2 Local Jobs projects and more information on the Jobs Fund is available at [www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/jobsfund](http://www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/jobsfund)

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