

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

Things are changing fast in Adelaide's north – and the Port Adelaide Football Club is playing its part in the process.

Power Community Ltd has received a share of more than \$100,000 in grants from the Playford Alive Initiatives Fund.

The money is being used to run a 12-month after-school activity program, introducing local children to sport and healthy living options.

"We engage 25 to 30 children three afternoons a week and we provide a range of physical activities and a healthy nutritious snack to encourage positive lifestyle choices," Power Community Ltd Manager Darren Adamson said.

"We also foster leadership, skills development, team work and respect for their peers, mainly through a mix of games including footy and netball."

The program is free for participants and is held at the John McVeity Community Centre.

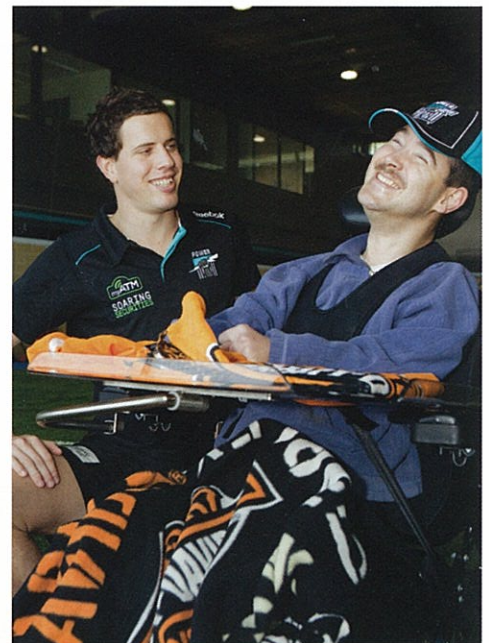
The fund is financed by a levy from the sale of land in the Playford Alive urban renewal and greenfields development area.

It is chaired by City of Playford Mayor Glenn Docherty who said: "The fund will continue to support innovative projects that encourage pathways to employment, community development and integration, provision of equipment to local groups and sports clubs, and health and well-being".

Northern Suburbs Minister Jennifer Rankine said 12 organisations shared in the latest round of funding.

"Five of the organisations ... will be using the funds to help young people get the most out of life by providing them with opportunities to learn and take part in many things at many levels," Ms Rankine said.

The Power Community Ltd program will run until July 2012 when it is expected to source additional forms of funding.



## POWER & SCOSA: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

He's a top level footballer, but Port Adelaide's Nick Salter has always had a strong empathy with those whose bodies are less able than his.

As a student at Clare High School, he would share his family home at weekends with a classmate who was wheelchair bound.

So it's no surprise he was eager to host a group of SCOSA (Spastic Centre of SA) clients at the Allan Scott Power Headquarters, guiding them around the club and leading an activity session in the Mark Williams Indoor Training Facility.

"It was great to get a laugh from them and to see them have so much fun doing something completely different," Nick said.

"They loved kicking the football and it's fantastic that they get the chance to use our facilities."

Nick's easy and caring way with the clients is in his blood because his mother Helen is an access

Top: Power Community Ltd Manager Darren Adamson (left) receives funding from Playford Alive Initiatives Fund Chairman Glenn Docherty. Above and Right: Power player Nick Salter hosts visitors from SCOSA

worker at SCOSA's hub at Blyth, in South Australia's mid-north.

The Port Adelaide Football Club and SCOSA have a long-standing relationship under the banner "Power to SCOSA".

SCOSA CEO Nicole Graham says: "Power to SCOSA is a great opportunity to demonstrate the abilities and enthusiasm of SCOSA clients to get involved in AFL and we are extremely grateful to the Port Adelaide Football Club for the opportunity."

Another joint initiative – "Kicking Goals for SCOSA" - sees Port Adelaide donate \$100 for every goal the Power scores at its home games – amounting to \$13,200 in 2011.

