

How to make poverty history

THERE were free sausages aplenty at Mawson Park last Thursday as part of Anti-Poverty Week (October 15-21), which was part of the "Make Poverty History" campaign.

Macarthur Diversity Services organised a free barbecue.

Karin Vasquez, executive officer of Macarthur Diversity Services, said the barbecue was organised "to create awareness of poverty and also to create camaraderie" in Campbelltown.

"There are a lot of people in Campbelltown who live below the poverty line and this is just our way of contributing and to give them at least one lunch," she said. "In the Macarthur area there's a lot of wealth but there's also a lot of disadvantage."

"As a welfare agency we see a lot of disadvantage and sometimes it's not anybody's fault - just fate that deals you a bad hand."

Macarthur Diversity Services offers emergency relief programs for their clients, gambling counselling, and electricity and other vouchers through Lifeline.

It will run tax classes until next Tuesday, October 31.

Details: 4627 1188.

Yum yum! Macarthur Diversity Services executive officer Karin Vasquez with volunteers Joe Abou-Halloun (left) and Bruce MacFarland enjoyed handing out the sausages to everyone and anyone who walked by.

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