

# Taree Women and Children's Refuge

**\$5000 Street Smart Grant April 2012**



TWCR would like to thank StreetSmart and their supporters for the \$5,000 grant that has allowed us to purchase industrial washing equipment for residents in our refuge.

Prior to receiving the grant our refuge had 2 old washing machines that were constantly breaking down. The washing machines are needed constantly, as you can well imagine with 5 families and up to 25 children at any one time.

These old machines cost us money and time for servicing and repairs. Broken machines caused frustration and stress as families couldn't get their washing done. Like many small services we just couldn't find the funds to replace them. They were on our 'Wish List'!

With the grant we received from StreetSmart we were able to buy a brand new industrial machine as well as a second hand one.

These machine have made a big difference in the working of the refuge and our ability to support the women and children in our care.

Our Service has been operating since the late 1970's in Taree on the Mid North Coast. We currently have a staff of 8 providing support to women and Children' escaping Domestic and Family Violence.

TWCR provides:

outreach and advocacy - short and medium term accommodation for women and children escaping Domestic and Family Violence - Refuge accommodation for 5 families in the refuge - 3 medium term family units used for clients prior to transitioning into independent living

All residents and staff thank StreetSmart supporters for helping us out. THANK YOU STREETSMART! ***Gayle Halloran, Manager, Taree Women & Children's Refuge***

**Photo: Staff members from Taree Women and Children's Refuge show off their new industrial washing machine**