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 balance Employees Australia, which is
 seeking a 30 per cent pay rise over the
 next three years for paramedics.
 The State Government has remained
 firm on a 2.5 per cent rise.
 Ian Hunt, group manager Central
 Hume, believed the statistics quoted
 by Mr McCurdy were sourced from a

ics to personally apologise for remarks
 I made recently regarding EBA negotia-
 tions," he said.
 "The comments I made do not re-
 flect the high regard which I have for
 our paramedics, nor do they reflect how
 highly I value their work and profes-
 sionalism."



ON YOUR BIKE: Chase Jackson (left) and Tom Hill with Wes Sampson from West End Bike Hub.

Students' hard work gives disadvantaged youth bikes

By PETER DOUGLAS

STUDENTS from The Centre's Greta Road campus aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves.

As part of a community initiative, students have refurbished many second-hand bicycles which they have donated to disadvantaged Wangaratta youth.

General Interest Program coordinator, Jacqueline Hobbs, said the program has been a success.

"It is amazing how every aspect of the project came together so easily once we floated the idea," she said.

"We had the donation of bikes from the 15 Mile Creek School Campus, plus private contributions."

Ms Hobbs said The Centre's 'Act Belong Commit' program had

joined on to fund the initiative.
 "This program gives youth an opportunity to learn new and practical skills," she said.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students, Chase Jackson and Tom Hill, have committed to the project, out of school hours.

Wes Sampson from West End Bike Hub is their mentor, bringing much experience and expertise.

In addition to this support, The Centre's Workplace Learning Department provided accessories for the bikes, including helmets, locks and lights.

Ms Hobbs said the success of this project has already received interest from other students, as well as expressions of further donations from the 15 Mile Creek Campus.

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