



## Grant makes repairs possible

WILA GUTHARRA in Northampton will soon start work on a new training facility thanks to a \$46,000 Lottery West grant.

The group will use the funds to expand the range of training facilities offered at the old school site.

Agricultural region MLC Brian Ellis handed over the cheque to Wila Gutharra last week at an official presentation ceremony.

Mr Ellis said he was impressed with the training programs being run at the

site.

“Wila Gutharra is to be commended for the services they offer,” he said.

The grant will go towards building additions and alterations to support a new trade training and community enterprise facility.

As the buildings on the site are heritage listed, they have to meet specific criteria in the way they are renovated.

Wila Gutharra project manager Annette Sellers said they were very grateful for the grant.

“Without the grant we would be

struggling to finish the repair work,” she said.

“The grant allows us to improve the aesthetics of the site as well as covering electrical work, security and reinstating the old verandas.”

Ms Sellers said the additions would also enable Wila Gutharra to offer more targeted training onsite.

Wila Gutharra has been at the old school site since 2007 and has been completing various projects since then to revamp the site.



**Helping hand:** Colleen Drage and Annette Sellers from Wila Gutharra receive a cheque for \$46,279 by Agricultural region MLC Brian Ellis. Picture: SAMANTHA ROBIN