



# Prisoners reaching out

## Borallon inmates adopt families in Christmas appeal



THEY may be serving hard time in prison for their crimes, but Ipswich families can now look forward to a happier Christmas thanks to Borallon inmates.

Borallon Correctional Centre corrections supervisor Juanita Zuna said the facility had adopted 11 families through *The Queensland Times* Adopt-a-Family appeal.

Ms Zuna said given the success the centre had had with the Pups in Prison program, under which maximum security prisoners were made responsible for the care of assistance-dogs-in-training, the

facility was keen to keep reaching out.

"These guys have taken a lot from the community," Ms Zuna said.

"This is a way for them to give back."

She said collection baskets had been placed in units in the residential area of the prison, with inmates giving what they could.

"The guys are limited in what they can buy, and have bought non-perishable items," Ms Zuna said.

"Staff from the centre have come on board bringing in toys on

the wish list."

Ms Zuna said inmates had helped pick which families would be adopted and had been keenly checking how donations were going.

"They are very willing to help," she said.

"It gives them a feeling of being worthy."

Borallon Correctional Centre director Scott McNair said he was astounded by the work offenders did within Borallon for charitable causes.

It was their way of giving back to society, he said.



**GIVING BACK:** Borallon Correctional Facility corrections supervisor Juanita Zuna gathers hampers put together by inmates to give a hand to the Adopt a Family Appeal.

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