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Habitat is building on housing success

IN A letter to supporters, Habitat for Humanity (HFH) NSW executive director James Allardice this week announced a third house would be built in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Riverina Prison build.

While a location for the next house has not been found as yet, Mr Allardice is hopeful it can be found in Junee or in the Riverina region.

"We've secured a third house, it will probably start in April next year," he said.

Last week HFH announced a second Junee family would be eventually be living in the second house in Percy Street when construction

has been completed by inmates at the Junee Correctional Centre.

The first house placed in Percy St is almost complete, with more than \$2000 in electrical products donated by HPM Legrand.

The electrical products were installed by electrical apprentice students from Young TAFE brought to Junee by the GEO Group.

Mr Allardice said HFH relied on donations of time and material to provide good, decent housing for people who needed it and donations meant funds raised could be put towards materials and other necessities

Without the donations and the

support of volunteers, HFH would not be able to assist those in need.

He stressed that HFH did not provide a home for nothing, but that owners repaid a no-interest loan on the house valued at 95 per cent of the market value and 500 hours of volunteering.

"I have been surprised how little interest there has been for home ownership (in Junee)," Mr Allardice said.

The two homes located in Junee have been filled, but Mr Allardice said normally there would be between 70 to 80 applications per house.