



UPGRADE: Deputy Mayor Phil Greagen, The Salvation Army Employment Plus consultant Jodie Hayes, work organiser Mick Casey and employment consultant Peter Morrison.

Reviving Carlton Parade cemetery

The revival of the Carlton Parade cemetery has completed its third stage of improvement, with a team of 12 job seekers working to upgrade the 120-year-old graves.

The upgrade, organised by The Salvation Army Employment Plus (TSAEP) and Port Augusta City Council, is a five-stage project with each stage referring to a section of the cemetery.

A completion date has not been set, but six months has been dedicated to each stage.

The upgrade involves creating new cement borders around groups of graves, which date from 1883 to 1914, as well as providing opportunities for families to place new bronze plaques on their relative's graves.

The plaques must include the name, age and date of death.

An organised plan of the cemetery has also been created.

"It makes it easier for people to locate their family members, people come from all over to look for family, you get your regulars too who are good and come every year," work organiser Mick Casey said.

TSAEP spokesperson Kirrilee Trist said: "It's a wonderful, community-centered way for these job seekers to gain skills and experience in all facets of concreting, fencing and horticulture."

TSAEP work experience coordinator Lorraine Sanders said: "Everyone who's worked here has a



CERTIFICATES: Mark Tahitahi and Robert Matthews received certificates of appreciation for helping complete the third stage of the Carlton Parade cemetery upgrade.

huge amount of pride in what they've achieved."

To acknowledge the overall improvement of the cemetery's appearance the job seekers who participated in the project's third stage were awarded certificates of appreciation by Deputy Mayor Phil Greagen.

"It's the lads that have participated that have made this place (cemetery) what it is today," Mr Greagen said.

He said the project, sponsored by TSAEP supplying the labour while the council supplied the materials, had worked well.

"We are fortunate that the TSAEP came to help, otherwise we would flounder."