

Tigers players pitch in to help loyal strugglers

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THE Wests Tigers yesterday discovered a different method of keeping fit during pre-season training with their own form of *Backyard Blitz*.

Todd Payten, Dean Collis, Chris Heighington, John Morris, Taniela Tuiaki, Daine Laurie, Blake Lazarus and Aaron Woods were the latest volunteers to take part in the Habitat For Humanity Australia project that is building houses for families in need.

Their labouring work on a house in Bidwill, in Sydney's western suburbs, was arranged on the players' scheduled day off but that didn't deter them from helping the Stuart-Ansell family out.

Gary, Terese and children James, Cassandra, Jules and Phoenix are all Tigers fans — Terese's sister even works in the Campbelltown and Leichhardt Stadium canteens on match days.

The good news that they will have a



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new home by the end of this month is long overdue to the family. Two months ago, Terese suffered a stroke in addition to Gary's ongoing troubles with bipolar disorder and they have been forced to live in the garage of a small home.

“We are overjoyed to provide our family with the security and stability of a home to call our own,” Terese said.

Gary said the visit by the players was “better than winning Lotto”.