

# Media Release

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## Men at Fulham Correctional Centre give back to local community

The restoration of an old timber bench seat has given men at Fulham Correctional Centre the opportunity to utilise their woodwork and construction skills while working on a wonderful community project.

The bench seat was fully repaired and renovated by men working in the centre's Industry Learning Centre. Today (31 May), it was proudly donated to the Sale Hospital Oncology Ward for its Reflection Garden.

General Manager Natalie Greenfield said the project was the result of a partnership with The Ninety Milers community organisation who have been fundraising to renovate the garden.

"We had an old bench stored off site and realised this was a great opportunity for some of the men to apply the skills they attained in their Cert II Construction course to restore it back to its former glory," Ms Greenfield said.

"The men also had to apply project management and project costing skills as part of their work and have taken great pride in being able to create something meaningful for patients at the local hospital.

"Being able to provide vocational skills training to the men in our custody is an integral part of their rehabilitation and post-release reintegration into the community."

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- *GEO manages Fulham Correctional Centre on behalf of Corrections Victoria, with 390 staff and a capacity for 1000 prisoners. Find out more at: [geogroup.com.au](http://geogroup.com.au)*

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