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More than barbecue in Claymore: residents

CLAYMORE community groups, churches and residents are trying to highlight various community projects in their suburb.

Their effort is in response to an episode of ABC's *Four Corners*, which suggested a weekly barbecue was the only public activity available in the suburb.

The Life Changing Experiences Foundation has been running a mentoring program for girls from public housing estates throughout Mt Druitt and Campbelltown, including in Claymore, for the past 10 years.

Foundation chief executive Jessica Brown (pictured right) said the program had so far helped about 50 girls from Claymore.

"It is not a quick-fix and we have regular meetings with the girls," Ms Brown said.

The St Vincent de Paul Society also runs the Claymore Laundromat while Westside Baptist Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints have a strong presence.

Campbelltown Mayor Sue Dobson said she accepted there were social problems at Claymore, making it important for renewal to go ahead.

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