



**Collaboration ... Tirrania Suhood, Ellie Ellis, Maree Daley, Sidone Thomas and Michelle Azizi at the Bridges meeting**

LOCAL drug and alcohol support service Bridges has teamed up with Westpoint Shopping Centre to get a business angle on community drug issues.

A collaboration between the Blacktown Alcohol and other Drugs Family Services and the Western Sydney Area Health Service, Bridges organises public workshops as a way for community members to get together and talk about drug problems and issues in the area.

Westpoint's community affairs manager Maree Daley, and advertising and promotions manager Sidone Thomas have been working closely with the Bridges team by attending the monthly workshops and offering their marketing advice.

"We offer our skills and expertise, which are different to some of the other community members involved," Ms Daley said.

"Instead of just sponsoring something we're rolling our sleeves

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up and getting involved. At the same time, the relationship between business and community groups is also being strengthened by Westpoint's involvement.

"It's very hands on which is great, we hope to do as much as we can."

Bridges co-ordinator Ms Tirrania Suhood said she was really pleased to be getting the business advice from Westpoint and encouraged other businesses in the area to get involved.