



Nora Peirson (left) celebrates graduating from an adult reading program with the help of teachers Heather Williams and Janine Kuebler.

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# Opening up a world of words for Nora

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A 65-YEAR-OLD woman has learnt to read and write from a program aimed to provide basic skills to disadvantaged Claymore residents.

Nora Peirson is the first Claymore resident to graduate from the Making Up For Lost Time In Literacy (MULTILT) program.

Janine Kuebler and Heather Williams, from the Mt Annan Christian Church, set up Adults

Learning Literacy for Claymore residents this year.

The program is called ALL-777 to make it easier for illiterate people to recognise.

It is a joint initiative between the church and Housing NSW.

Ms Kuebler said Nora Peirson's graduation was a major achievement. "She has been illiterate for 65 years but has been very successful at this program," she said.

"We conduct three classes a week and it depends on the student how long it takes."

There are six other Claymore residents still completing the program at Claymore Regeneration Centre.

"We provide one-on-one lessons for the students, because it just wouldn't work in a class environment," Ms Kuebler said. "This achievement just shows it is never too late to learn to read and write."

An English as a second language literacy program is also being run at the Claymore centre.