



Ryan Murphy, Ryan Miller, Lorna Masters, Meeky Randall and Kristy Batchelor of the Open Access CD launch last Thursday.

Youth get out of their shell

IT was a special day for the youth of Albany and a big Milestone for the Young House Open Access program last Thursday, coordinator Saz Lockyer said.

For the first time the studio's Act Belong Commit Music Project released a CD, Out of our Shell.

Members of the community joined the

youth for its launch.

"It's something a lot more special than you would find at a music project or a school," Mr Lockyer said.

"It's something that comes from the heart.

"The project had been providing marginalised youth in Albany with an opportunity to express themselves through the

universal language of music."

Mr Lockyer said the project was about students finding self belief and gaining confidence and the CD was a reflection of the different challenges youth face in life.

"Art gets people to understand what you are talking about," Mr Lockyer said.

"They were so keen to get that emotion on to paper. Music is in our lives — we often refer to it when we think of particular times and things in our lives."

Open House manager Patrick Weadon said it was fantastic what

had been achieved this year and 2010 was looking even better.

He said the music project had provided a supportive environment and gave youth an activity they liked and could engage in.

The studio will now be moving to a bigger premises, which will be ready in 2010.

"This is the last time we will be using the studio before moving to a better location," Mr Lockyer said.

"It has been the birth place of something that will grow into something beautiful. We will now have a huge area to go crazy in."