



Brian Walker with day support carer Thelma Vigar and live-in carer Gail Nicholson at his new house.

## Home haven for Brian

THE Hawkevale Trust has completed its supervision of the construction of a new home to provide Busselton man Brian Walker with safe and secure accommodation.

Mr Walker is living with an intellectual disability and will soon move into the house with his carers Peter and Gail Nicholson.

Mr Walker's mother, Leonie, said the Abbey Waters home was ideal for Brian.

"It's a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home, adapted from the floor plan of a Country Builders (design) because it seemed to fit well with Brian's requirements," she said.

"The home theatre was easily able to be adapted for a living-lounge room for the permanent carers on the weekend and it had an activity room which we've pinched a fair amount off to add to the bathroom."

The Walker family paid for the home, which "came up smelling like roses" during its final inspection last week and is ready for Brian to move in to.

Ms Walker said the support the family had received during the building of the home had been outstanding.

"As soon as (people) understood the nature of this project they have been extremely helpful

in trying to make this house the best possible for Brian," she said.

The Hawkevale Trust chairman, Laurence Iffla, said the organisation helped the Walkers — and many other Australians — care for people with intellectual disabilities.

"The Trust provides a caring, supportive environment for families to discuss and plan for their child or sibling's future, and offers practical solutions to suit the family's situation," he said.

"People with an intellectual disability need care for life and someone to look after their financial, personal and social interests."