



## Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette February 2023



*Community member Dean learning to cook an omelette at the Cornerstone "Garden to Plate" cooking club.*

Hi friends,

I trust this finds you well.

It has been a lovely start to the year at Cornerstone, as we welcome our friends back at our community meal programs.

The work of Cornerstone is so important, providing a warm and welcoming space for people who are struggling, and connecting them with necessary support and services. One homeless community member who just secured accommodation shared recently:

***"I don't know what I would have done without Cornerstone over these last six months. When I was at rock bottom, coming here was a lifeline."  
\*Sam***

I'm reaching out to all of our friends today because we need your support to keep caring for our vulnerable community members. Grant funding is often for specific projects or new programs, and the costs of our day to day work is only possible through your donations. If you have been considering making a donation toward the work that we do, I would encourage you to do so this month. Every donation helps us care for people like \*Sam when they need our support most. Please click on the Give Now button below to donate via the online giving platform, or contact our team to donate via direct debit. You can read below about some of the other ways you can support our community, and the work of Cornerstone. Your support is a great blessing, and I thank you for your care for those in need.

*Naomi Paterson  
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre*

## **Support the Important Work of Cornerstone Contact Centre:**

*Please donate today via Give Now to help us continue supporting homeless and vulnerable community members; click below*

[Give Now](#)

### **Other ways to support Cornerstone**

*Arrange a fundraiser at your workplace, school or church. Some fundraising ideas include hosting a sausage sizzle, a morning tea or a car boot sale, with proceeds going towards our work supporting the homeless and vulnerable.*

*Sponsor a meal! Your family or business can sponsor a two-course meal for 70 people. Photos and business details will be featured in our newsletter and social media.*

*Organise a Crowd Raiser to fundraise through Give Now, our online giving platform. Contact our team, or visit the Give Now page through the link above, to find out how to set up a Crowd Raiser. Then, post the link to social media and share the cause with your friends. It's easy!*

*Chat with your workplace about setting up staff giving, and you and your colleagues could make a small monthly contribution that is tax deductible.*

*Talk to your child's school about supporting Cornerstone with proceeds from their next gold-coin day.*

### **Upcoming Costs**

***We need your support to cover the following expenses:***

- *Food parcels: \$40 each (we distribute an average of 20 non-perishable parcels each week and over 50 fresh food parcels weekly)*
- *Community meals, 2 course for 70 people: \$350ea*
- *New pots, pans and cooking utensils: \$800*
- *Fuel and weekly travel expenses: \$80*
- *A new chest freezer: \$1800*

*Each and every donation helps us continue to support people like Sam who are doing it tough.*



*Cornerstone Chairperson David Talathoti, artist Leila Ashtiani, and CEO Naomi Paterson alongside the completed Garden Mural Project.*

## **Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:**

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#### **Tuesdays:**

Breakfast toasties served from 9am  
Gardening Club 10am - 12noon  
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon  
Fresh food parcels from 10am

#### **Thursdays:**

Gardening Club: 10.30am - 12noon  
Dinner 5.30pm

(Thursday dinners provided by various partner agencies, including Noel Social Services, the Lion's Club Supper Club, and the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills)

#### **Fridays:**

Breakfast toasties served from 9am  
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon  
Second and Fourth Friday in month, ATO Breakfast 7.30am - 9am  
Fresh food parcels from 10am  
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12.30pm every Friday  
One Voice shower van 10am - 1pm every Friday  
The Avalon Centre clothing, 2nd Friday of the month

Meal programs are held at Dandenong Baptist Church, 25-27 James Street  
Dandenong

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