



Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette January 2023



Community members joined Cornerstone Contact Centre for a delicious Christmas meal

Hi friends,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful start to the year. As we begin 2023, it is a great time to reflect on the year that just passed, and to look ahead to the many exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Our community shared a wonderful Christmas celebration, where we were joined by partner agencies and service clubs, regular team members and volunteers, our local Mayor and Councillors, board members, and many of our Cornerstone friends.

With thanks to our many supporters who faithfully contributed to the work of Cornerstone throughout the past year, whether it be financially, through volunteering your time and services, or upholding our team in prayer. We could not do this vital work without your support. Wishing you a wonderful New Year!

*Naomi Paterson
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre*



A big group of Cornerstone friends joined us to celebrate Christmas.



Mayor of Greater Dandenong, Cr Eden Foster, and Cr Angela Long assisting Cornerstone volunteers serve the Christmas meal.

Planting Trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Cornerstone Hosted A Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony in Honour of Her Majesty the Queen

A row of fruit trees has been planted alongside the Cornerstone community garden, enhancing the local tree canopy and in time, creating shade and bearing fruit for the community.

In December, the Hon. Julian Hill MP planted an orange tree in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cornerstone is a place where marginalised people come to share a meal, share a conversation, and grow in their confidence and skills, so it is very fitting to have these fruit trees planted here, alongside our thriving community garden.

Among the trees planted are oranges, mandarins, figs, kaffir lime and lemon, along with some beautiful cherry blossoms that will bring a lovely burst of colour to the street-front next Springtime.

In many ways, as trees grow and mature, they are a reminder of the contribution of those who have helped to form and forge the community. We know that the fruit from these trees will be a blessing to so many people as they grow and bear fruit.

This project received funding from the Australian Government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program.



Cornerstone CEO Naomi Paterson, Cr Angela Long, the Honourable Julian Hill, MP, Mayor of Greater Dandenong Cr Eden Foster, and Cr Bob Milkovic at the commemorative tree planting ceremony, in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (above).

(Below) The Hon. Julian Hill MP planting a fruit tree at Cornerstone in honour



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Regular Cornerstone meals and programs, resuming February 3rd;

Regular programs

Tuesdays:

Breakfast toasties served from 9am
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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