



Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette April 2026



INCREASING CORNERSTONE'S SUPPORT AS LOCAL NEED GROWS

Hi friends,

The increased cost of living is hitting Dandenong locals hard. At Cornerstone, we have seen a huge influx of people needing food support, with many locals facing rental uncertainty for the first time, as everyday costs continue to rise.

Thankfully this year, with the support of the Victorian Government DFFH Food Relief fund, Cornerstone Contact Centre is offering an increased amount of meals throughout the week. We now serve breakfast and lunch every weekday. This has a huge positive impact for the disadvantaged community in Greater Dandenong, and has been very well received and well attended by many vulnerable locals. In the photo above, the local Lions Club sponsored our

community luncheon, a delicious meal that was enjoyed by all. We were also grateful to receive a big donation of non-perishable items from local CommBank branches, which helped replenish our foodbank shelves as the demand for food parcels increases.

A highlight this month was attending the graduation ceremony for one of our community members. This resilient and determined young woman completed a diploma course whilst simultaneously dealing with the challenges of homelessness. She is now in steady, secure housing, and able to explore the possibilities of what to study next! At Cornerstone, we are so proud to have been a positive and supportive part of her journey.

We still need your support. As the number of locals accessing Cornerstone grows, your donations and contributions are more important than ever to help us meet the need. We are so pleased to be able to offer such a range of support for the community. It is thanks to our many friends, sponsors, donors and volunteers. Thank you!

Naomi

*Naomi Paterson
Chief Executive
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The team from CommBank Dandenong Plaza and Noble Park branches supported Cornerstone with a big food drive this month, helping to fill empty pantries of community members who are doing it tough. From left, Marie, Goran and Jaspreet from CommBank join Naomi at Cornerstone.



Community member Carol graduated from her diploma course this month. What a fantastic achievement to celebrate!

Donate towards our drop-in centre

Support Cornerstone with a regular donation

Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:

Regular programs

Mondays:

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm
Ukulele Club 1pm - 3pm
Breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee
Games, chats, and connection with support services

Tuesdays:

Breakfast toasties served from 9am
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12pm
Gardening Club 10am - 12noon
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon

Wednesdays:

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12pm
Breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee
Games, chats, and connection with support services

Thursdays:

Drop-in Service, 9am - 3pm

Breakfast, lunch, tea and coffee

Games, chats, and connection with support services

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-11am

Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12pm 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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