



Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette July 2024



The team from Monash Health and the Green Cross Bus provide vital health care services for the community at Cornerstone

Dear friends,

The impact of the current housing crisis continues to become more evident in Dandenong. As the rising cost-of-living collides with a severe shortage of affordable housing, we are seeing record numbers of new rough sleepers this year, with rates of homelessness and disadvantage spiking all across Melbourne. Sadly, Dandenong is bearing the brunt of this housing crisis, as high rates of homelessness collide with an extremely low ratio of Melbourne's affordable housing. At Cornerstone Contact Centre, we are working hard to meet this extra need.

Cornerstone are providing extra hot meals throughout the winter months. Can you help us meet the local need?

With the support of the City of Greater Dandenong Council, we are now providing hot meals on one extra day of the week. But there's still more to be done to meet the local demand for food, safety, shelter, and a welcoming place to be. The good news is that you can help. At Cornerstone Contact Centre, we are aiming to increase our drop-in centre hours, in the hope that we can operate full business hours very soon. Your donation this can help us reach our goal of increasing capacity to meet the growing need.

Wishing you all a warm and cosy winter, and thank you for your ongoing support for our important work.

Naomi Paterson
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre

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Fundraising Greeting Cards

Support *Cornerstone Contact Centre* via our GiveNow Greeting Card fundraiser and receive a selection of beautiful artisan greeting cards, handmade in Melbourne.

[See our website for details](#)



Drop-in centre provides extra hot meals this winter

This winter, Cornerstone are providing vulnerable community members with extra meals every Wednesday at our drop-in centre day.

With thanks to the City of Greater Dandenong Council for their help providing this extra support for people experiencing homelessness this winter.



Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:

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Tuesdays:

Breakfast toasties served from 9am
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Gardening Club 10am - 12noon
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon
Fresh food parcels from 10am

Wednesdays:

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm
Meals provided until 2pm.

Thursdays:

Dinner 5.30pm: First, Second, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month.
(Thursday dinners provided by various partner agencies, including Noel Social Services, and the Lion's Club Supper Club)

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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