



Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette June 2024



Launching our Bespoke Greeting Card Fundraiser

Dear friends,

The winter months are always tough; dreary skies, cold winds and icy hands. Just think how much harder the cold days and nights are for community members without a home. We are seeing record numbers of new rough sleepers this year, as the rates of homelessness spike all across Melbourne. Sadly, Dandenong is bearing the brunt of the housing crisis as high rates of homelessness collide with an extremely low ratio of the state's supply of affordable housing.

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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 end of financial year can help us reach our goal of increasing capacity to meet the growing need.

In light of this, I am excited to launch our new *Bespoke Greeting Card Fundraiser*. Check out the beautiful handmade cards on our website via the link below, and donate through our Give Now *crowd raiser* to receive a "thank you" selection of artisan greeting cards. Not only does your donation directly support our work with the homeless, but you will also help raise awareness about the work of Cornerstone as you gift your greeting cards.

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

[Support our Drop-In Centre here](#)



Fundraising Greeting Cards

Support *Cornerstone Contact Centre* this EOFY and receive a selection of beautiful artisan greeting cards, handmade in Melbourne.

[See our website for details](#)



The Cornerstone Community Garden Gains Traction

Community member Carol, who is a gardening club regular, proudly displays the national *Bolton Clarke* "Montage" magazine, featuring an article about the Cornerstone community gardening program.



Gardening club operates weekly on Tuesday mornings 10.30am - 12 noon.

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

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)

Wednesdays:

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm

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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