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Honouring and Remembering A Faithful Volunteer

Hi friends,

Last week we had the heartbreaking news of the passing away of our long-term volunteer Barb Carlin. In a team with several 'Barbs,' she was affectionately known by many as Cornerstone's "Dessert Barb," due to her fondness for covering the community desserts with sprinkles. Barb volunteered for Cornerstone Contact Centre for 26 years, turning up faithfully to each meal program with a no-nonsense demeanour, a twinkle in her eye, and a good sense of humour. After a brief illness, Barb passed away peacefully last Wednesday. Much loved by our team and community alike, she will be dearly missed.

This loss for our team causes me to reflect on the amazing impact, and indeed legacy, of our incredible team of regular volunteers. Their care and compassion for those who are doing it tough in the community is a constant inspiration. As we reflect on the impact that Barb's faithful service had, providing a kind word and a smile wherever she could, I am reminded of the importance of providing connection, warmth and hospitality to those who are having a hard day. Thank you, friends, for your faithful care and support for the Cornerstone community. I believe it means more than we ever know.

Naomi

*Naomi Paterson
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Affectionately known as "Dessert Barb," Barb is fondly remembered with sprinkles in hand.



Celebrating 22 years of volunteering, with the Hon. Julian Hill, MP.



The Art Corner, painting up a storm at Cornerstone on Monday mornings.

[Donate Towards our Winter Appeal](#)

Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:

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Mondays:

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm
Fresh food parcels from 10am-11am
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
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12pm every Friday
One Voice shower van 10am - 12.30pm 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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