



## Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette March 2025



*Members of the Cornerstone team and community celebrated a recent birthday in style.*

Dear friends,

We hope you enjoyed the recent long-weekend, and have been surviving this spate of hot weather. As the temperatures have soared, it is more important than ever that there are safe and accessible spaces where rough sleepers and other disadvantaged community members can find welcome respite from the elements. We are so pleased to be able to open throughout the week, providing meals, emergency relief and our drop-in centre space Monday through to Friday.

***Introducing some great new projects, including Pop-Up Cornerstone, and the Sustainable Nutrition project.***

This year we have launched some exciting new projects. This includes our Pop-Up Cornerstone program, where we take the Cornerstone drop-in model to central Dandenong and connect with local rough sleepers, traders, community members, and other service providers. Proudly supported by the City of Greater Dandenong, the Pop-Up project is an opportunity to increase awareness of Cornerstone's services for disadvantaged locals. It also serves the dual purpose of providing vital support for local traders when interacting with vulnerable locals including those who are sleeping rough.

Another new venture is our Sustainable Nutrition project, where we aim to improve food literacy for locals who rely upon food relief support. Alongside our regular food parcels, we will provide easy recipes, food sustainability tips, and opportunities for food recipients to connect with cooking classes. This valuable project will increase participants' confidence in how to make the most of the food they have sourced; crucial as the cost of living continues to soar.

Another new program is the Ukulele Club, a fantastic opportunity for community members to try out their musical skills every Monday afternoon at the Cornerstone drop-in. Supported by the wonderful team from Dandenong Mental Health Local, this is a great new venture that has brought lots of smiles and laughs to our Mondays.

As we look forward to a year filled with opportunities, I want to extend my thanks to the many supporters, volunteers and partners who make this valuable work possible. You are appreciated.

*Naomi Paterson*  
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre

## Pop-Up Cornerstone



Proudly supported by  
**City of Greater Dandenong**



*Pop-Up Cornerstone will run over ten Thursdays in central Dandenong, and provides valuable opportunities to connect community members with support.*

*Above left: Community members enjoy a cuppa and a chat at the pop-up.  
Above right: Mental Health superstar Brett from the Dandenong Mental Health Local provides information and support for community members at the recent*



A vibrant red poster for a 'Ukulele and Singing' program. At the top, a black treble clef is followed by several colorful musical notes (blue, pink, yellow, black) on a black staff. Below the staff, the title 'Ukulele and Singing' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath the title, there are two illustrations: a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a green t-shirt and blue pants, sitting cross-legged and playing a white ukulele; and a woman with long red hair, wearing a light blue cardigan, also sitting cross-legged and playing a white ukulele. Below the illustrations, the text 'Cornerstone Centre: 25 James St, Dandenong VIC 3175' is written in white, followed by 'Mondays 1pm-3pm' in a larger white font. Below that, the phone numbers 'Quynh : 0437 921 603.' and 'Vim : 0400 058 179' are listed in white. At the bottom right, there are two logos: 'mental health & wellbeing local' with the tagline 'Free support in your community' and 'CORNERSTONE' with the tagline 'connect • inspire • grow'.

**Ukulele and Singing**

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## ***Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:***

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#### **Mondays:**

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm

Ukulele Club 1pm - 3pm

Snacks, tea and coffee

Games, chats, and connection with support services

**Tuesdays:**

Breakfast toasties served from 9am  
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12noon  
Gardening Club 10am - 12noon  
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon  
Fresh food parcels 10.15-11am

**Wednesdays:**

Drop-In Service, 9am - 3pm  
Snacks, tea and coffee  
Games, chats, and connection with support services

**Thursdays:**

Dinner 5.30pm  
(Thursday dinners provided by various partner agencies, including Noel Social Services, Servants of the Two Hearts, Reaching Out Because We Can, and the Lion's Club Supper Club)

**Fridays:**

Breakfast toasties served from 9am  
Cornerstone regular lunch program 12noon  
Fresh food parcels 10.15-11am  
Orange Sky mobile laundry service, 9.30am - 12noon every Friday  
One Voice shower van 10am - 12.30pm every Friday

*The Avalon Centre clothing, 2nd Friday of the month  
Second and Fourth Friday in month, ATO Breakfast 7.30am - 9am*

Meal programs are held at Dandenong Baptist Church, 25-27 James Street Dandenong

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