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Our long-standing volunteer Barb celebrated 25 years as a Cornerstone volunteer

Dear friends,

A lot has been happening at Cornerstone! This month we celebrated an amazing achievement, with the month of May marking 25 years since our volunteer Barb first joined the team. Her can-do attitude, ready smile and care for our community really give us something to celebrate, and we are so thankful for the amazing contribution that she has brought to Cornerstone. As we marked the phenomenal achievement, we heard many stories of her time with us over the years, from her disastrous first day (she still came back!), to the many nicknames used to distinguish her from the various other 'Barbs' on team - most notably "the Dessert Queen." We are so thankful for Barb's commitment and service, and really blessed to have such an outstanding volunteer team.

There has been lots of interest in our Wednesday drop-in days, with community members joining us for a barista-style coffee, snacks, games and some crafts. We have welcomed some new volunteers to our team, and are thankful for this opportunity to create a warm and welcoming space for disadvantaged locals. As the weather turns colder, the need for support for rough sleepers in Greater Dandenong becomes more apparent. The Cornerstone Contact Centre team continue to work to create more opportunities for disadvantaged people to receive the support they need.

Last week, we farewelled a community member who passed away, with a beautiful memorial service. While this was a sad occasion, it was also a joy to see how this person had impacted so many in a positive way, and to honour and respect their life. It was a privilege to be able to host the service, and a great honour at Cornerstone that we can provide community members with this final dignity.

We continue to be so grateful for the many volunteers and supporters who help us to continue the important work of Cornerstone. Your contributions have a huge impact - thank you!

Naomi Paterson
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre



Community member Mary enjoys a coffee at our drop-in centre

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A memorial service at Cornerstone last week was a beautiful way to honour the life of a dear community member.

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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