



Cornerstone Contact Centre Gazette September 2024



Community member Con enjoys some painting at The Art Corner during one of Cornerstone's drop-in days

Dear friends,

It's been great to have Cornerstone Contact Centre open for two extra drop-in days since the start of winter. These café-style drop-in days operate every Monday and Wednesday, and are a great space for community members to connect with the team, enjoy a hot cuppa and snacks, and share a yarn. We've looked out the art supplies (enjoyed by community member and avid painter Con, above), brought out the UNO and chess, and discovered that our partner agency MIND Australia has some champion table-tennis players among their mental health outreach team. The drop-in days not only provide a space of

warmth and welcome, but also provide increased opportunities for support workers to connect people with extra care. This service maximises our partnerships with local housing agencies, mental health, primary health and other support services for community members.

"These drop-in days are addressing a real need in Dandenong. The more that Cornerstone is open, the more the team can assist vulnerable people to connect with support."

Next month, Cornerstone will be venturing out into central Dandenong for a pilot *Pop-Up Cornerstone* in the town centre (see the flyer below for details). Together with a core group of partner agencies, this exciting outreach venture will ensure that support is accessed by those who need it the most.

These new and vital Cornerstone ventures are possible because of your support. Wishing a big 'thank you' to each one of our volunteers, supporters, partners, funders and team. Your care for the disadvantaged in our community has a huge impact.

With thanks,

Naomi Paterson
CEO, Cornerstone Contact Centre



The flyer features the Cornerstone logo at the top left, which includes a tree icon and the text 'CORNERSTONE connect • restore • grow'. To the right of the logo is a photograph of people sitting around a table eating. Below the logo, the text 'POP-UP DROP IN CENTRE' is written in white on a green background. The main body of the flyer is white with blue text. It includes the quote 'Good coffee, delicious snacks, and some great conversations.' followed by 'Connect with local services including healthcare, mental health and D&A support'. The location is listed as 'Memorial Hall, 10 Langhorne Street, Dandenong 3175'. The date and time are 'Wednesday 23rd October, 10am-2pm'. At the bottom, it says 'Everyone Welcome' and 'Poverty is everyone's business' next to a graphic of concentric white lines on a green background.

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Pop-Up Cornerstone!

In October, the Cornerstone Contact Centre team will trial a pop-up day based at Memorial Hall in central Dandenong.

This is a great opportunity to help more disadvantaged locals connect with support services, while also making sure that people experiencing homelessness in Dandenong are familiar with our team, partner agencies and services.

Regular Cornerstone meals and programs:

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Mondays:
Drop-In Service, 9am - 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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