



## Gary and Sarah's new life

Due to the nature of our work there are often clients whom we get to know well, then one day they find housing or work and off they go. Sometimes we never hear from them again, some send letters or facebook posts sharing their good news of a new life and others we bump into randomly and find out what they're doing. This year one such couple, who were living in their van and using our services, were suddenly no longer here. Gary and

Sarah and their dog Max were very well liked at HSC, with Gary entertaining us with his juggling while Sarah undertook her Certificate in Aged Care through our Education and Training program partnerships. They had been here for some time then one day they were gone! One of our staff members recently bumped into Gary on the beach. They now have private rental accommodation, where they can have their dog, in the southern suburbs near the

beach. Gary has been pursuing a keen interest in photography. Whilst taking photos on the beach he struck up a conversation with a photographer who is now mentoring him. Gary and his brother have rekindled their relationship and he has bought Gary a decent camera for better pictures. Sarah is looking for work in the local aged care facility. We wish them well for their future and are glad we helped them start to rebuild their lives.

## Bus-ting out in vintage style

This month Dulcie's Shop of Real Opportunity, (aka Dulcie's Bus) an exciting new project between Hutt St Centre and Centacare Catholic Family Services, debuted in the Garden of Unearthly Delights. Vintage lovers flocked from around South Australia, and even some from interstate, to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces of clothing from the mobile op shop.

Dulcie's Bus, named after Hutt St Centre's chief op shop volunteer of 30+ years, Dulcie Boag, (pictured right with Amanda Blair) is located inside a redecorated old bus restored by Torrens Transit and The Rotary Club of Campbelltown.

Dulcie's Bus is the brainchild of our Patron and local media personality, Amanda Blair. A lover of all things op shop, Amanda decided the Garden of Unearthly Delights, which during the Adelaide Fringe attracts over 700,000 people, would be a great first stop for the bus. Since launching it has proven to be a great success with other festivals already requesting Dulcie's presence. Thanks to all of you who donated your vintage items for the shop. Special thanks to Pam Schartner and the happy knitters from Knit4Charities for donating crochet rugs, coasters and coat hangers. Many thanks also to the Rotary Club of Campbelltown; Tabitha White



Minister Mark Butler with Amanda Blair and Premier Jay Weatherill helping launch Dulcie's bus

from Honey Hive Emporium; Zappia Carpets; Cutler Brands and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, plus the 60 volunteers and dedicated staff who worked on the Bus over the Fringe.

Dulcie aims to continue her journey throughout this year and you can follow her adventures on:



/DulciesBus

To enquire about booking Dulcie's Bus for your event call 8418 2500



## Simon Bryant cooks

Adelaide's famous 'chef about town' and all round good guy Simon Bryant cooked lunch for us on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March. Simon has been a long time advocate of ours and has regularly offered to fill in if our own fabulous cooks Brenda and Ted need a day off. His Sri Lankan Coconut Beef Curry was very well received and the volunteers in the kitchen enjoyed the frantic nature of preparing the curry and the apple crumble in record time alongside such a passionately community-minded celebrity chef!



## Pancakes for everyone

On Shrove Tuesday we were visited by Tiffany and Felicity who set up their Dutch Pancake van outside the centre and cooked delectable pancakes for all to enjoy, prior to us embarking on our personal Lenten sacrifices. In the leadup to Easter the change in weather that brings cooler nights always increases the numbers at Hutt St Centre. It also heightens people's concern about their housing, and the need to find permanent safe housing before winter sets in. This is usually one of our busiest times of the year and we are particularly grateful to our wonderful staff, volunteers and our donors for digging deep at this time to ensure we can cope with the extra demand for our services.

Connecting with our community is one of our most important goals, as it offers great opportunities for clients to develop positive relationships and have experiences that increase their confidence to live independently. We recently partnered with the **Hutt St ACC Pop Up Library** just down the street. Our clients used their artistic talents to decorate the pop-up area as well as utilising the community activities the library offered.



## Reduce your tax with a gift

**A donation to Hutt St Centre at tax time helps reduce your payable tax at the same time as helping us to rebuild lives. A double bonus! You will receive a tax receipt from us for your tax return purposes.**

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## Hutt St Heroes



Hutt St Heroes is a partnership initiative with the Australian Hotel Association (SA) to remind hotel diners of the

challenges people who are homeless face in winter, and to help raise funds for our essential day centre services. Member hotels of the AHA (SA) will be invited to participate by enabling patrons to make a donation when paying their bill during winter. Look for the Hutt St Heroes logo at participating hotels from June or go to our website to see where you can eat out and help out!

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