



An open letter from Craig



"I never thought I would ever see another Certificate in my life, especially to do with education, so I am still coming to terms that I have actually achieved something academic.

Now, with a little prod here and there from Nav, well maybe a little more, I have become quite happy with myself. Also with the help from the lawyers who come to Hutt St Centre to volunteer their services, who helped pay the tuition costs and the Education and Training Program at Hutt St Centre. All this has pushed me into believing that you can achieve and reach anything you want to.

So, to everyone involved and who has helped me, I want to thank you very much. I have obtained my Certificate III in Community Services. I am now involved with the Red Cross to further my studies and eventually aim to gain employment which will involve volunteering work and the very much welcomed help and encouragement from Hutt St Centre."

Craig Richards

"Persist and you will achieve"

Hutt St Centre Christmas Cards

For the first time ever Hutt St Centre is producing and selling Christmas cards. Beautifully designed by Motiv with a subtle message about the spirit of Christmas at Hutt St Centre, the cards will be available in packs of 12, (four of each of the three designs) for \$15 a pack.

Cards may be ordered online or using the order form on the next page. You may choose to collect your cards from Hutt St Centre or have them delivered to you.

Sending our cards to everyone on your Christmas list will help us spread the word about our work with people who are on no-one's Christmas list, but ours. Order details overleaf.



the word from the street

Still smiling after all these years



As a relatively new Case Manager to the Home and Community Care Program at Hutt St Centre, the story of Norm is inspiring and heart-warming.

Over the past 30 years Norm has been a client of HSC whilst remaining fiercely independent, active and a positive role model to others around him. I had been told of the previous attempts to encourage Norm to move from boarding house living to residential care but it seemed as though Norm was adamant

in continuing his daily routine of walking down to the Centre to enjoy two meals a day, have a cup of tea or play cards with some mates.

Norm's dedication as a kitchen volunteer in the 1970's serving morning tea is well known by staff and clients. Since those days Norm has become highly respected and admired by many.

Recently Norm's ill health has seen him hospitalised and out of action. Whilst it was terrible for Norm it has really highlighted the fact he may require some additional support. The challenge for Norm was to decide, with our support, about what journey he would take from here.

After some lengthy discussions that included dispelling some of the myths of residential care living, and a visit back to his boarding house room, Norm had a good, hard think about what was best for his health and quality of life and eventually came to the decision to move into residential care.

Norm has begun to see the positive side of moving such as the opportunity to meet new and like-minded people in a safe and secure environment. Needless to say, I have no doubt I'm speaking on behalf of all of us when I say that we have been so lucky to have Norm to cheerfully greet us every day. We are even happier that Norm is looking forward to the next step in his life and the opportunities it will bring.

Anna Morris HACC Case Manager

Bequest heads up!

Bequests are something we don't really like talking about but they really make a significant impact on our work. Hutt St Centre has never done a formal bequest

campaign nor asked people to advise us if they have included us in their Will. When we receive a bequest it comes as a surprise, albeit highly valued. This means we are unable to recognise the donor or direct the gift in the way the donor would like, because by the time we find out, its too late to ask! The upcoming bequest campaign will enable us to properly acknowledge donors, provide advice about how to leave a gift in a will and share information about how a bequest will help shape the future of Hutt St Centre.

Christmas Card order form

Our cards come in packs of 12 with 3 designs in each pack.

Each pack of 12 cards is \$15 Envelopes are included.

I would like to order _____ packs of Hutt St Centre Cards

Please deliver my cards to the address above

I will pick up my cards from Hutt St Centre

Alternatively you may order and pay for cards on line at www.huttstcentre.org.au

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/C _____

Please debit my credit card: Visa Master Amex Diners

Name on card: _____

Card No: _____

Expiry: ____ / ____ Sign: _____

Contact ph no: _____

Keeping you up with Hutt St Centre news

Giving comfort to clients after loss

Sometimes it is important to take time to reflect on some of the difficult experiences we encounter here. Sadly, we recently experienced the loss of a young man in tragic circumstances. This loss was felt by clients, staff and volunteers alike and expressed in many ways. Some with tears, others quietly digesting the loss, and some with anger. There is no right or wrong answer on how to express loss – but for many of us, the importance of asking R U OK was amplified.

One of my privileged tasks as a pastoral care worker at Hutt St Centre is preparing memorial and funeral services for clients who have passed away. When I say *privileged task* it is because it's the last thing one can do for a person in this world. Consequently a lot of thought and preparation goes into these services. We are careful to prepare them in the way we feel the person who passed away would have liked and also how those who are grieving would feel their lost friend was best respected and honoured. The sadness and mourning here is often very raw and the loss impacts very deeply on other people who already feel vulnerable.

The prayers and poems they offer during the service are very heartfelt and courageous.

Our constitution tell us, *'At the school of son of God, the Daughters of Charity learn that no type of distress should be foreign to them.... Multiple are the forms of poverty and multiple the forms of service.'*

I often think when faced with some of the situations that are part of our clients lives 'for the grace of God there go I.' When I think of what some of our clients suffer and what they go through it really amazes me how they cope and I stand in awe. I often wonder with what I have been given in life *'could I cope with what some of our clients have had to suffer?'*

Most of all the pastoral care work is about keeping alive the flame lit by Vincent and Louise so many years ago so that all who walk through the doors of Hutt St Centre, especially people who suffer the loss of loved ones, will experience the support, warmth, and love that the needy people of Paris experienced so many years ago.

Sr Gwen Tamlyn DOC

Ian Cox visits homeless around the globe

After almost 21 years at Hutt St Centre overseeing so much growth and development of our services, the Daughters of Charity have sent our CEO Ian Cox on a journey to visit, research and learn from our counterparts overseas. From late September Ian will visit agencies in the USA including Search Homeless Services, Bread for the City and The Bridge Homeless Assistance Centre, then travel to the UK to The Passage, St Mungos, Huggard and Depaul International and then to Europe. Visits to the Mother House, a Day Centre and other services in Paris are included in Ian's itinerary.

While away Ian will keep us informed of the things that inspire, encourage and fascinate him in our industry. The learning's he gathers from agencies in other places will help guide his work and our direction into the future. Let's hope Ian can also share some of our innovative ideas and programs with others doing similar work. We wish Ian safe travels and look forward to his return in November.

Hutt St Heroes raise over \$21,000

To those who dined and donated at one of the Hutt St Heroes participating hotels during June and July, give yourself a pat on the back. To those Hero Hotels, you should be very proud of yourselves too because you have all helped the inaugural Hutt St Heroes campaign to raise over \$21,000. This is a remarkable result.

These funds will help our essential services as well as assisting to expand our most important Education and Training programs. We are really pleased with this result and say a big thankyou to everyone who took part. The project was a joint initiative with the AHA I SA, who worked really hard to make this a success. We were generously supported by Lane Print & Post. Well done!





The Big Picnic @ TouchWine

Join us for a festival of summer fun in the Adelaide Parklands on Sunday 10 November, 12-5pm. It's a great day out for the whole family with Fork on the Road (a fleet of Adelaide's food trucks) cooking up a storm, live music, the Orchard Bar, KidsTown and much more – there's something for everyone, and it's FREE ENTRY.

Also part of the day is the annual TouchWine touch footy competition with teams from across SA's wine regions and corporate sides battling it out, and a celebrity match to boot. Would you like to register a team? Call Jess on 8418 2505 today.

Our sponsor Lai Lai Travel is pleased to offer readers great deals on flights to Asia. See touchwine.com.au for details.

Vineyard Marquee

Kick-off the festive season with your friends, family, colleagues and clients and join us in the Vineyard Marquee for a fully catered sit-down lunch by Chef's Stephanie Heaven and Louise Naughton (*The Caterers*). It will be a great afternoon of South Australian food, wine, sport and picnic fun, with the bonus of sitting at the best vantage point to all the action on the main touch footy field.



Tickets are \$110 all inclusive (must be pre-purchased) and are available by calling 8418 2500 or online at touchwine.com.au a rare opportunity to sample some of SA's best new vintage wines and a chance to chat to some of the best wine producers and makers.



THANK YOU to the 3,000 plus people who joined us in the city on a cool morning, with threatening rain clouds above, to walk a mile in the boots of a person facing homelessness. It was a wonderful and uplifting atmosphere with school students, family groups, corporate groups, volunteers and clients walking together in solidarity. There were 28 school and community groups who walked a mile either in the city or in their local area which is an outstanding effort. Badge once again did an amazing job cooking and serving breakfast with the first walker served at 07:49 and the last punter at 08:30! That's a lot of egg flipping!

Special congratulations to our highest fundraisers:

- Top School:** St Joseph's School, Hindmarsh
- Top Team:** Hither & Yon (Mal Leask, Richard Leask, Jock Harvey and Luke South)
- Top Corporate:** SA Power Networks
- Top Individual:** Neil Carter

Also a big thankyou to artist Jacob Stengle for the beautifully painted boots which were awarded to St Josephs School.

We still have some money coming in, but we have raised around \$100,000 so far. A heartfelt thank you from all of us at Hutt St Centre to walkers, donors, sponsors and volunteers for making this such a successful annual event.



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