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# Hutt Street Centre News

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## Rewarding partnership receives award

**Hutt St Centre** has been awarded and received a 'Highly Commended' certificate in the 2012 National Homelessness Achievement Awards in the category 'Excellence or innovation in partnerships in delivering services'. This was a joint proposal between **HSC, Red Cross** and **St Vincent de Paul Society**. Wentworth Community Housing was awarded the overall National award.

**HSC's CEO Ian Cox** said: "We are thrilled to receive this commendation from the Australian Government through the National Homelessness Policy Branch".

## Farewell Richard Humble (1954-2012)

A little over two weeks' ago, Hutt St Centre lost one of our long-term clients who passed away on a friend's couch.

What makes this story even sadder is that Richard had been house-sitting for his friend (another HSC client) while she had a short stay in hospital. Our staff members had arranged to pick her up when she was discharged from hospital, but when they arrived back at her unit they found that Richard had sadly passed away there a few days earlier.

The difficult part for our staff to come to terms with, is that if Richard had not stayed at his friend's home...where would he have passed away? And how long would it have been before someone found him, had it not been for our staff?

We decided that we needed to celebrate Richard's life in a way that reflected his lovely character.

So, after his sister was contacted, we organised a Memorial Service at Adelaide Oval which was attended by approximately 40 people, including Hutt St Centre staff, Richard's sister who had travelled up to Adelaide, a small contingent of our client group and representatives from Richard's beloved Northern Districts Cricket Club (NDCC).

A number of years ago, Richard started volunteering for the NDCC and became their 'A Grade' Team Manager – a position he cherished.

We were all thrilled to see so many people from the cricket club turn out to

honour and respect Richard's achievements and volunteer work he did for them.

Richard loved his sport (cricket and football) and would talk about this incessantly, while accessing our services.

At times he wouldn't leave us alone, as he talked about all the Footy Clubs that he supported, in particular Norwood and Richmond.

Richard was a terrific fellow, much loved by our staff members and fiercely independent. We will miss him dearly. Monday mornings will never be the same at Hutt St Centre again: without Richard's football banter; tips; and 'excuses' as to why his teams either won or lost.

RIP Richard.  
We will miss you.

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## A couple of weeks ago, a young dad presented at Hutt St Centre...

He had been living in a backpackers' hostel for a couple of years following the breakup of a relationship. His 11-year-old son came to live with him which meant he had to leave the hostel. He came to Hutt St Centre to see a social worker in our EAHS team one morning, and we supported him to look at his short term options as he had to leave the backpackers' hostel quickly.

Together, we actively looked for private rental accommodation and after a couple of weeks found some. We are working with him to get some white goods — and he is very happy with his new home.

## Save The Dates

**May 23** Angel for a Day

**Aug 10** Walk a Mile in  
My Boots

**Nov 11** The Big Picnic—  
Touch Wine

# Angel FOR A DAY

The 2012/13 launch of **Angel for a Day** will be held in the **Hutt St Centre Hub** on **Wednesday 23 May** from **5.00-7.00pm**.

If you haven't been into the Centre before, our Angel for a Day launch is your chance to have a look at our place and get a feel for what we do. HSC is recognised for being an innovative leader in the homeless sector nationally—a great achievement from a pretty humble base.

To become an **Angel for a Day**, please visit our website at [www.huttstcentre.org.au](http://www.huttstcentre.org.au) or join us here on May 23rd.

## New-look for our Development Team

We are delighted to announce that **Michelle Bini** has been appointed to the new role of **Marketing and Events Manager**. If you are involved in any of our events as a participant, sponsor or supplier then Michelle is your girl!

**Danielle Bayard** has the new title of **Manager Development and Partnerships** and will continue to manage the fundraising area.

**Carmel Rizzotto** will look after your donations, receipts and fundraising accounts.

We warmly welcome Michelle to the HSC team.

## AIM SA on target

On Wednesday 21 March, **HSC CEO Ian Cox** and **AIM SA CEO John Stokes** signed an agreement for a corporate partnership that will see both groups benefit.

**AIM SA** staff have already started a regular breakfast shift in our meal centre and undertaken fundraising activities for us. Offering HSC staff access to professional training and development courses will be of great value to the Centre and our ability to achieve the best outcomes for our client group.



## Breakfast Bonanza

Our wonderful neighbours at **Latte on Hutt** will donate \$1 to Hutt St Centre from every **Big Breakfast** sold throughout April.

Start your day with farm fresh eggs, sizzling bacon, golden hash browns, tomato, mushrooms and a sausage — all this plus juice and espresso coffee.

**Latte on Hutt** is located on the corner of Hutt and Gilles Streets Adelaide.

*For the homeless any breakfast is a luxury.*



## Stepping off the streets and into a new home.

Our Boarding House Outreach Support Program supports clients who are living in tertiary homelessness, which means that they live in a boarding house: one step up from couch-surfing; or living on the streets. Four of our clients have recently made a successful transition into long-term accommodation thanks to housing applications made to both *Housing SA* and community housing offered by *Frederic Ozanam Housing Association*. One client in particular has had a challenging life but since connecting with Hutt St Centre, he has been able to manage his health thanks to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the wonderful RDNS based at HSC, the Primary Homelessness Team and BHOSP. Until recently, this client had lived an itinerant lifestyle in both Darwin and Queensland, before relocating to Adelaide in 2010.

Together, we have worked on a Housing application and a Needs assessment, which clearly demonstrated his need for independent housing and he was placed on Category 1, with no specific date until a property was found.

After waiting four months, a one bedroom unit was offered close to the city and this was just what he wanted. In addition, HSC assisted with finding him a single bed, a bookcase, a television and other household items so he could enhance his new abode — a terrific result.

## How can you help Hutt St Centre today?

*Do you have a **digital camera** with rechargeable batteries that you no longer use or need?*

We're embarking on an exciting venture to publish a coffee table book of stories from our client group, incorporating a series of photographs that represent life through the eyes of participants who are homeless. We hope to arm our storytellers and authors with a camera for one week to capture images that help tell their story

If you have a camera that is no longer needed in your home, please consider donating it to our **CREATE Space program**.

Please contact Navian on 8418 2510 for further information.