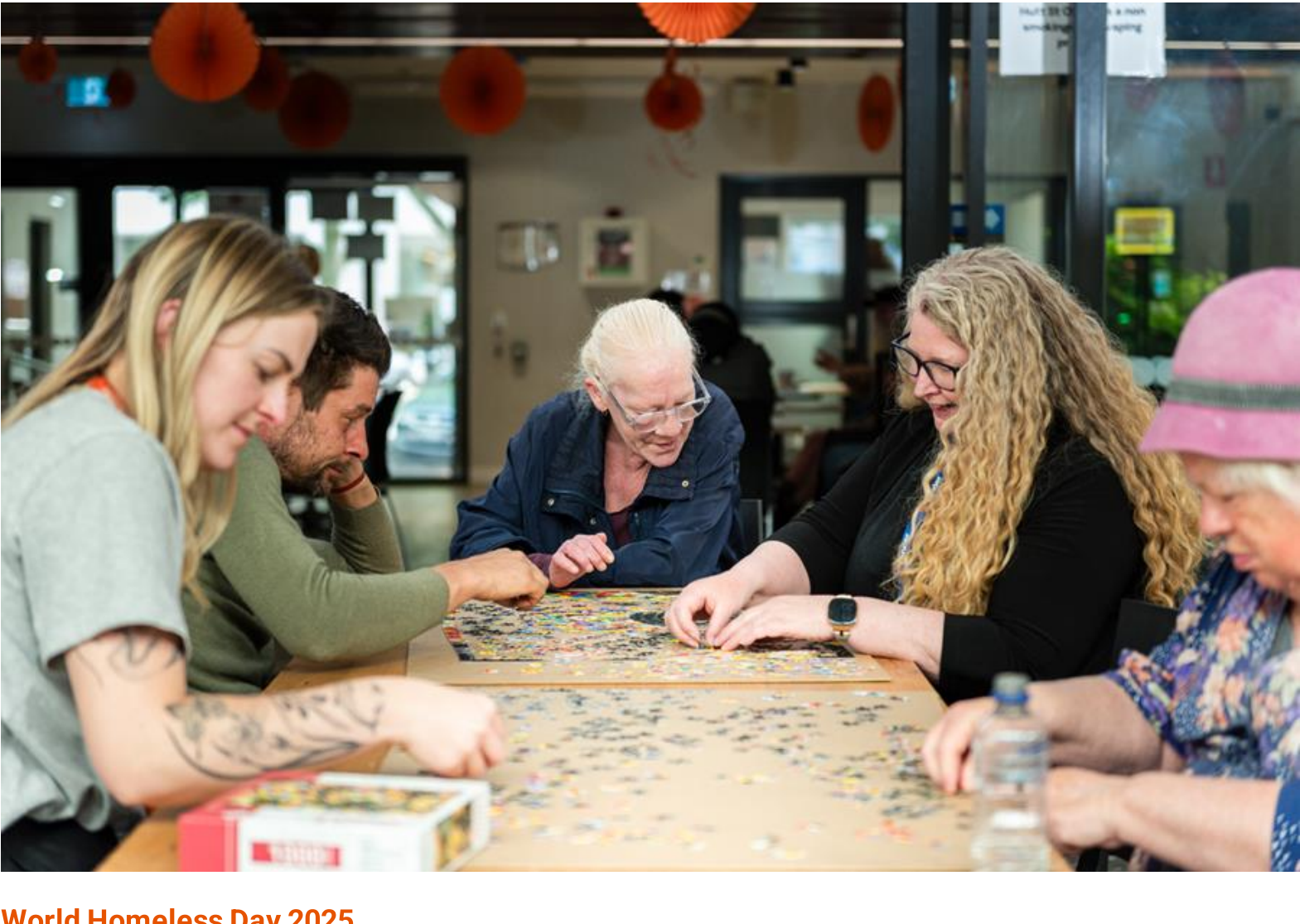


Hutt St Centre Community News

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World Homeless Day 2025



Click the image above to view our video

On 10 October, we recognised World Homelessness Day with [a powerful video](#) sharing the real stories of people experiencing homelessness in Adelaide.

The video reminded us that homelessness can touch anyone — and celebrated the resilience, courage and hope of those we support. It also underscored why our work matters, inspiring staff, volunteers and supporters alike to continue building pathways home for everyone in our community.

Crisis point – more housing needed to get people off the streets

In October, we released our annual results, which again highlight a sharp rise in demand for our services as the housing crisis continues to worsen. In 2024–25, the Wellbeing Centre recorded **42,975 visits**, up from 40,504 the previous year — meaning an **average of 826 people every week** accessed showers, meals and more than 20 wrap-around support services.

Nearly **1,000 new clients** came through our doors during that year, and alarmingly, **41 per cent** of them were **experiencing homelessness for the first time**.

We're increasingly seeing people sleeping rough — in our parks, behind buildings and under bridges — relying on us not just for basic needs but for companionship and safety. If current trends continue, we face the heartbreaking possibility of turning people away by 2028.

While we deeply appreciate government efforts to increase affordable housing, we urgently need a significantly greater investment in social housing. Without stronger social infrastructure, the crisis will only worsen.

Read the full news article [here](#), or view the television story below.



Celebrating a record-breaking Business Lunch

Our annual Business Lunch on 16 October 2025 was a remarkable day, bringing together over 530 attendees from across South Australia's business community — including many first-time participants — to support people impacted by homelessness.

Together, we raised over **\$407,000**, an outstanding contribution that will directly fund programs making a real and lasting difference. One of the most powerful moments of the day was hearing from our client Luke, who bravely shared his journey from homelessness to homefulness through our Aspire program — a reminder that not everyone experiencing homelessness looks like the stereotype.

We are also grateful to everyone who took part in our car lottery. The winner, drawn on the day, has chosen to remain anonymous, but their involvement — along with all participants — has made a significant impact.

Thank you to our Business Lunch partners CMI Toyota, Bartons, Burbank and Cornwire IT, our beverage partners Yalumba and West End, venue partner Adelaide Oval, after party venue 2KW and table partners Beyond Bank, JBS&G, 10 News Adelaide, NOVA 919 and FiveAA.



Aspire client Luke, sharing his thoughts with the panel.

Christmas is coming to Hutt St Centre

'Tis the season to sparkle, share, and spread a little joy!

The Christmas spirit has arrived at Hutt St Centre, and our elves have been busy making sure this festive season is extra special for people impacted by homelessness. Here's a glimpse of what's happening around the Centre as we get ready for the most wonderful time of the year:

Decking the Halls (and the Wellbeing Centre!)

In early November, our decorating elves SA Power Networks and CBRE turned the Wellbeing Centre into a Christmas wonderland, complete with tinsel, baubles, and plenty of twinkling lights. Thank you to the teams who have helped spread some Christmas cheer amongst our clients as we head into the festive season.



Share the Joy — Christmas Donation Drive

This Christmas, we're inviting the community to help bring a glimmer of home to people doing it tough. At Hutt St Centre, we believe everyone deserves to feel valued and connected — especially at Christmas. You can make a difference by donating special festive food and treats that help create moments of joy and celebration for people experiencing homelessness.

Your generosity helps us prepare Christmas hampers and shared meals that remind people they are not forgotten — that someone cares.

You can view and download our [2025 Christmas Wish List here](#).

*Please note: all food donations must be commercially produced and packaged. For best practice food safety, we are unable to accept donations of home-cooked food.



A message from our CEO: Looking back at a busy year

As another year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved together — as staff, volunteers, supporters, and friends of Hutt St Centre.

This year, more than ever, we've seen the strength of our community shine. Every day, people impacted by homelessness walk through our doors seeking connection, dignity, and hope. And every day, because of you, we're able to offer not just practical support — meals, showers, housing assistance — but something even more powerful: a sense of belonging.

We know the challenges facing our community are growing. Housing pressures, the rising cost of living, and limited access to affordable health care continue to push more people to the margins. Yet, in the face of these challenges, our team continues to respond with compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment.

I've been inspired by the incredible work across every part of Hutt St Centre — from the Wellbeing Centre and the Aspire Program to our Homefulness team, volunteers, and corporate partners who stand beside us. Together, we've created pathways out of homelessness and helped hundreds of people rebuild their lives with safety and stability.