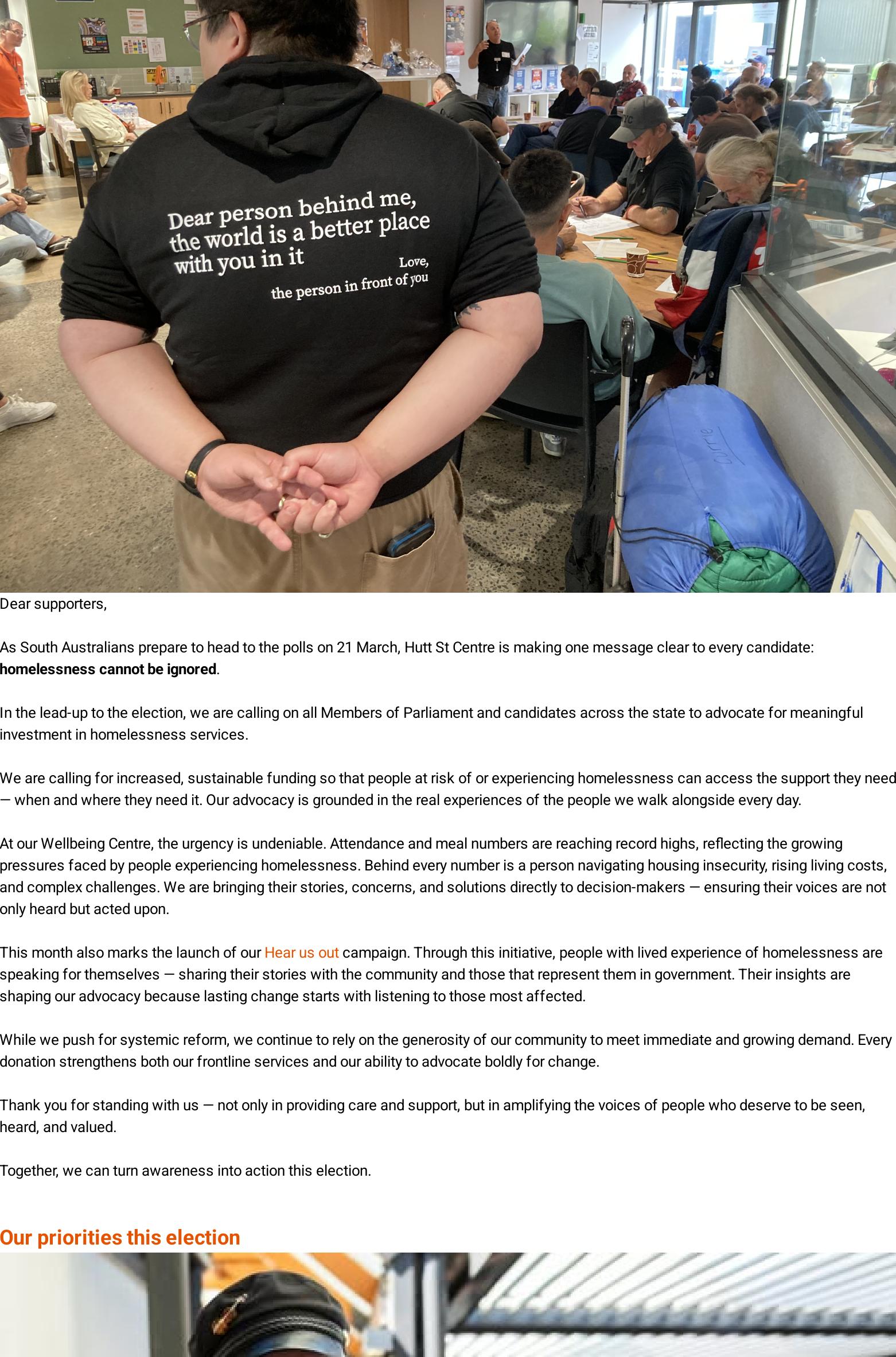


# Hutt St Centre Community News

February 2026



Dear supporters,

As South Australians prepare to head to the polls on 21 March, Hutt St Centre is making one message clear to every candidate: **homelessness cannot be ignored.**

In the lead-up to the election, we are calling on all Members of Parliament and candidates across the state to advocate for meaningful investment in homelessness services.

We are calling for increased, sustainable funding so that people at risk of or experiencing homelessness can access the support they need – when and where they need it. Our advocacy is grounded in the real experiences of the people we walk alongside every day.

At our Wellbeing Centre, the urgency is undeniable. Attendance and meal numbers are reaching record highs, reflecting the growing pressures faced by people experiencing homelessness. Behind every number is a person navigating housing insecurity, rising living costs, and complex challenges. We are bringing their stories, concerns, and solutions directly to decision-makers – ensuring their voices are not only heard but acted upon.

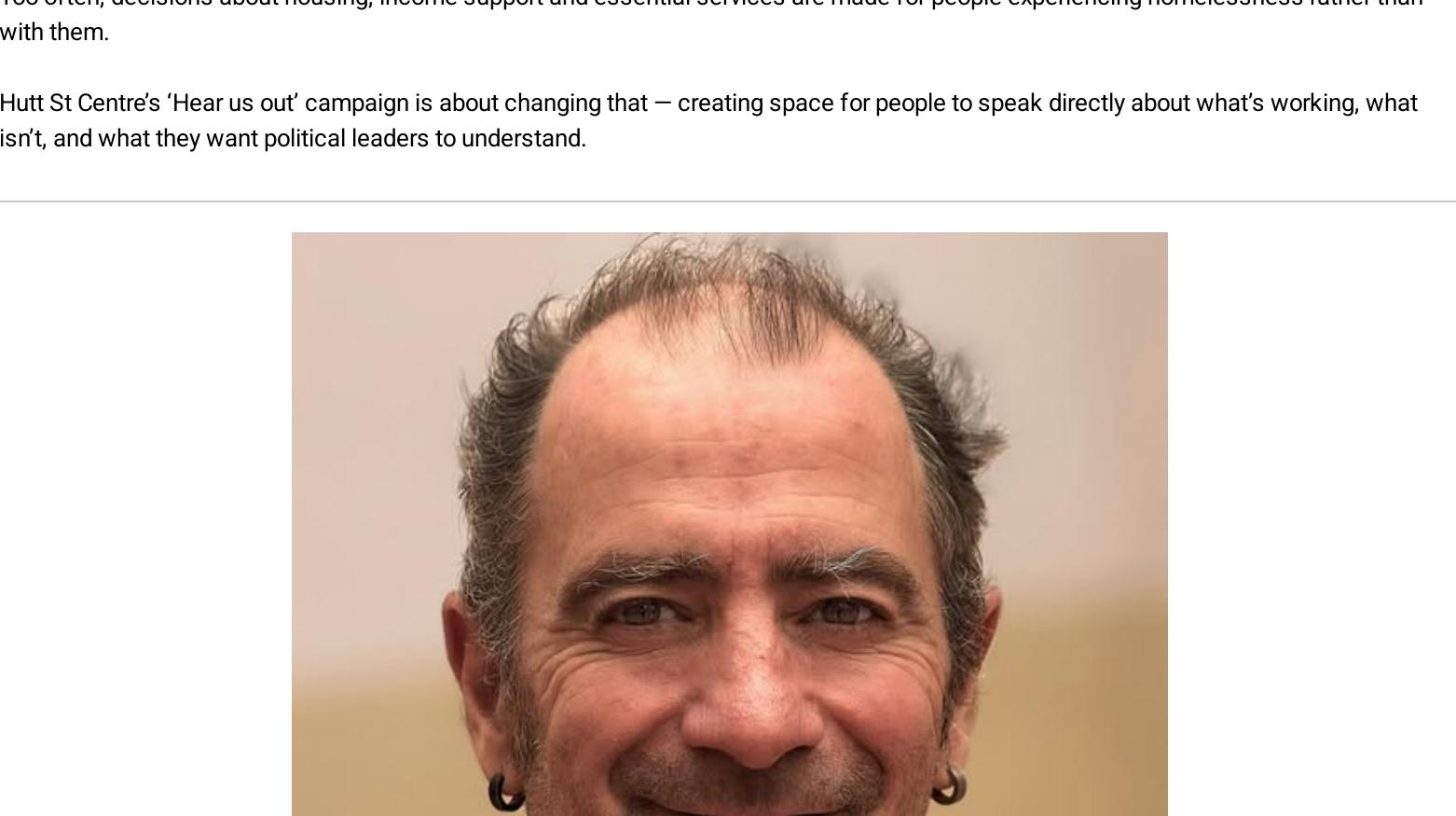
This month also marks the launch of our **Hear us out** campaign. Through this initiative, people with lived experience of homelessness are speaking for themselves – sharing their stories with the community and those that represent them in government. Their insights are shaping our advocacy because lasting change starts with listening to those most affected.

While we push for systemic reform, we continue to rely on the generosity of our community to meet immediate and growing demand. Every donation strengthens both our frontline services and our ability to advocate boldly for change.

Thank you for standing with us – not only in providing care and support, but in amplifying the voices of people who deserve to be seen, heard, and valued.

Together, we can turn awareness into action this election.

## Our priorities this election



## 1 Expanding social and affordable housing

## 2 Secure tenancies and prevent evictions

## 3 Extra emergency and short-term accommodation

## 4 Fix system failures and gaps

## 5 Adequate and secure funding for homelessness services

The 2026 State Election offers a critical chance for meaningful change. Not small adjustments, but bold action that halts the growth of homelessness and moves South Australia toward a future of homelessness.

To guide this change, Hutt St Centre is proud to launch **Hear Us Out: A Pathway to Homelessness**—our election policy platform. Grounded in evidence, frontline experience, and the voices of people impacted by homelessness, it outlines a practical and achievable pathway toward lasting solutions.

Key priorities of Hutt St Centre:

- Expand social and affordable housing
- Secure tenancies and prevent evictions
- Provide extra emergency and short-term accommodation
- Fix system gaps and failures, including data capture
- Ensure adequate and secure funding for homelessness services

By amplifying the voices of those most affected, this platform reminds those in government that change is possible—and that every South Australian deserves the security and dignity of a home.

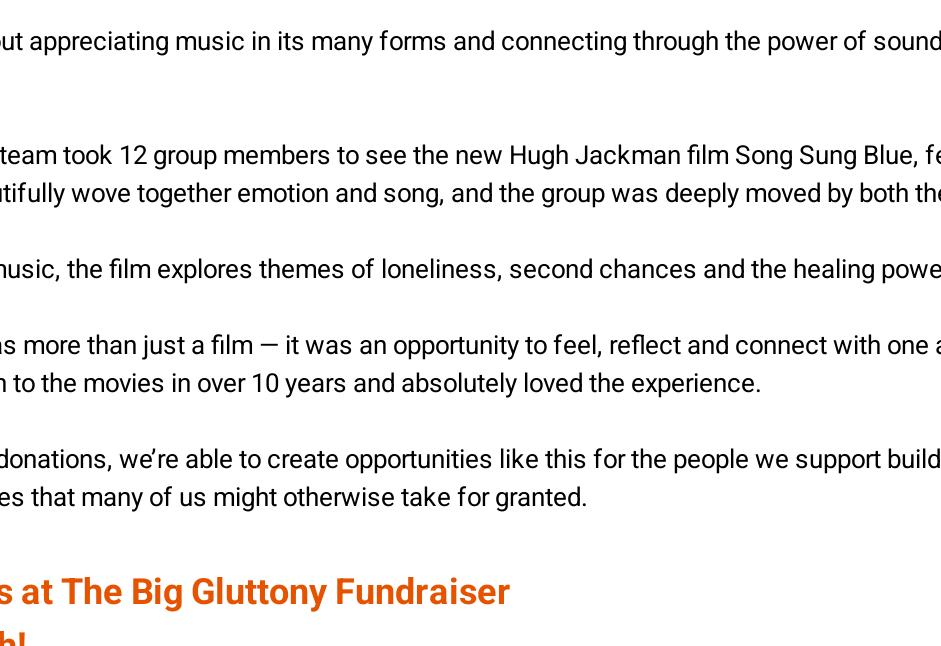
[Read more about our election platform here](#)

## Hear us out: amplifying the voices of our clients this election

At Hutt St Centre, we're helping clients to safely and meaningfully share their voices in the lead-up to the election.

Too often, decisions about housing, income support and essential services are made for people experiencing homelessness rather than with them.

Hutt St Centre's 'Hear us out' campaign is about changing that – creating space for people to speak directly about what's working, what isn't, and what they want political leaders to understand.



"The government needs to understand that everyone has different needs. There especially needs to be more support for people who are in the dilemma of living in a tent in the parklands. There's not enough supply of houses, but then there's also plenty of vacant housing – surely there could be better housing options to help people sleeping in the parklands."

"I think that the government should be working to reducing how long people have to remain in homelessness. And if the crisis is a lack of accommodation, then we should be building that and making sure people can access that."

"The support at Hutt St Centre is pretty good. My concern is that if Hutt St Centre were to lose their government funding, and have to draw deeper on their own resources, because at the end of the day, it's the government that creates these situations – so the buck should stop with them." - Darren\*

"I just want to stop being moved along to different houses. I was kicked out of my family's house because it was being knocked down. And where I live now is going to be demolished, and I have to find a new place to live again. I'm in the tail end of my life at 71 years old, and I just want to be settled."

"I'm also not happy about how politicians are struggling. There are people who can't put food on the table and pay for bills. Even my electricity bills are through the roof. I know it's not breaking the rules, but it's real world tax payer money from people who are struggling." - Kingsley

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing these stories across all our digital platforms. To read them, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and our website.

[Follow us on Facebook](#)

\*Names have been edited and changed for privacy.

## Music, memories and a day at the movies

Our music group is all about appreciating music in its many forms – connecting through the power of sound, story and shared experience.

Last week, the Pathways team took 12 group members to see the new Hugh Jackman film *Song Sung Blue*, featuring the music of Neil Diamond. The movie beautifully wove together emotion and song, and the group was deeply moved by both the story and the soundtrack.

Through Neil Diamond's music, the film explores themes of loneliness, second chances and the healing power of connection.

For our Music Group, it was more than just a film – it was an opportunity to feel, reflect and connect with one another. One participant shared that he hadn't been to the movies in over 10 years and absolutely loved the experience.

Thanks to your generous donations, we're able to create opportunities like this for the people we support building connection, confidence and joy through experiences that many of us might otherwise take for granted.

**Reminder – join us at The Big Gluttony Fundraiser on Sunday 8 March!**



Join us at The Big Gluttony Fundraiser – a spectacular showcase uniting Adelaide Fringe's biggest stars in one powerhouse performance.

This epic fundraising event features a handpicked lineup of the Fringe's best acts, creating a show of awe-inspiring talent, laughter, and heart with all proceeds going directly towards helping people at risk or experiencing homelessness in our city.