

# Hutt St Centre Community News

March 2026



Dear supporters,

This month we welcomed an additional \$2 million election funding commitment from the Malinauskas Government to continue to deliver life-saving specialist homelessness services. Hutt St Centre has elected to commit the untied funding to the highly successful Aspire program.

We also released our first ever Impact Report. An Impact Report is a way of showing the real difference an organisation makes. It goes beyond activity numbers to demonstrate the outcomes created for the people we support and the wider community. It helps us tell a clear story about why our work matters, the challenges we're responding to, and the value of investing in services that support people impacted by homelessness.

While the outcomes in our Impact Report are encouraging, they also reinforce how critical it is that people impacted by homelessness are heard in decisions that affect their future.

That's why our Hear Us Out campaign continues to call on political leaders and the wider community to listen to the voices of people with lived experience. Real solutions come when the people closest to the issue are part of shaping the response.

You can take action today by following our social media channels and sharing our content with your friends and followers.

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## Aspire funding announcement



Hutt St Centre has welcomed the \$2 million funding commitment from the Malinauskas Government that will be put towards strengthening the highly-successful Aspire Program. This funding will support an additional 71 people currently experiencing chronic homelessness, while also delivering an estimated \$3.2 million in avoided costs to taxpayers through reduced demand on health, justice and other services.

Over the past eight years, the Aspire Program has had a transformative impact, helping to break the cycle of chronic homelessness and playing a vital role in efforts to end homelessness across South Australia. The investment comes at a critical time, as demand for homelessness support has risen by 42 per cent over the past four years amid the ongoing housing and cost-of-living crisis.

To read more about the impact of the Aspire program, and what this funding means to Hutt St Centre, click the button below.

[Read more here](#)

## Introducing Hutt St Centre Impact Report



Hutt St Centre has released its first annual Impact Report, highlighting the real difference our community of staff, volunteers, donors and supporters are making for people impacted by homelessness in Adelaide.

An Impact Report shares the outcomes of the work of the Hutt St Centre and how this translates into real change for those accessing our services.

In 2024-25, over 2850 people accessed support through 42,972 visits to the Wellbeing Centre. Our integrated, wraparound support model helps prevent up to \$60 million in government-funded crisis system expenditure every year. These are costs that would otherwise fall across health, justice and emergency systems if people remained homeless.

Behind these numbers are real outcomes:

- 75% average improvement in client wellbeing
- 94% of people supported into housing sustained their tenancy
- 50 people connected to employment, with 18 securing ongoing work

The Impact Report shows what's possible when a community comes together to support people on their journey to homelessness.

To read the full report and learn more about the impact of Hutt St Centre click the link below:

[Read the Impact Report here](#)

## Hear us out continues to amplify voices this election campaign



"I honestly don't know if I feel listened to by politicians. I prefer our politicians to focus on the bigger issues, like helping small business to employ people which would help a lot of issues. I think they need to focus more on cost of living and power costs.

Even on a good wage previously, I struggled with finances with a wife and three kids. As a pensioner I get subsidies, but I don't know how people cope otherwise." - John\*

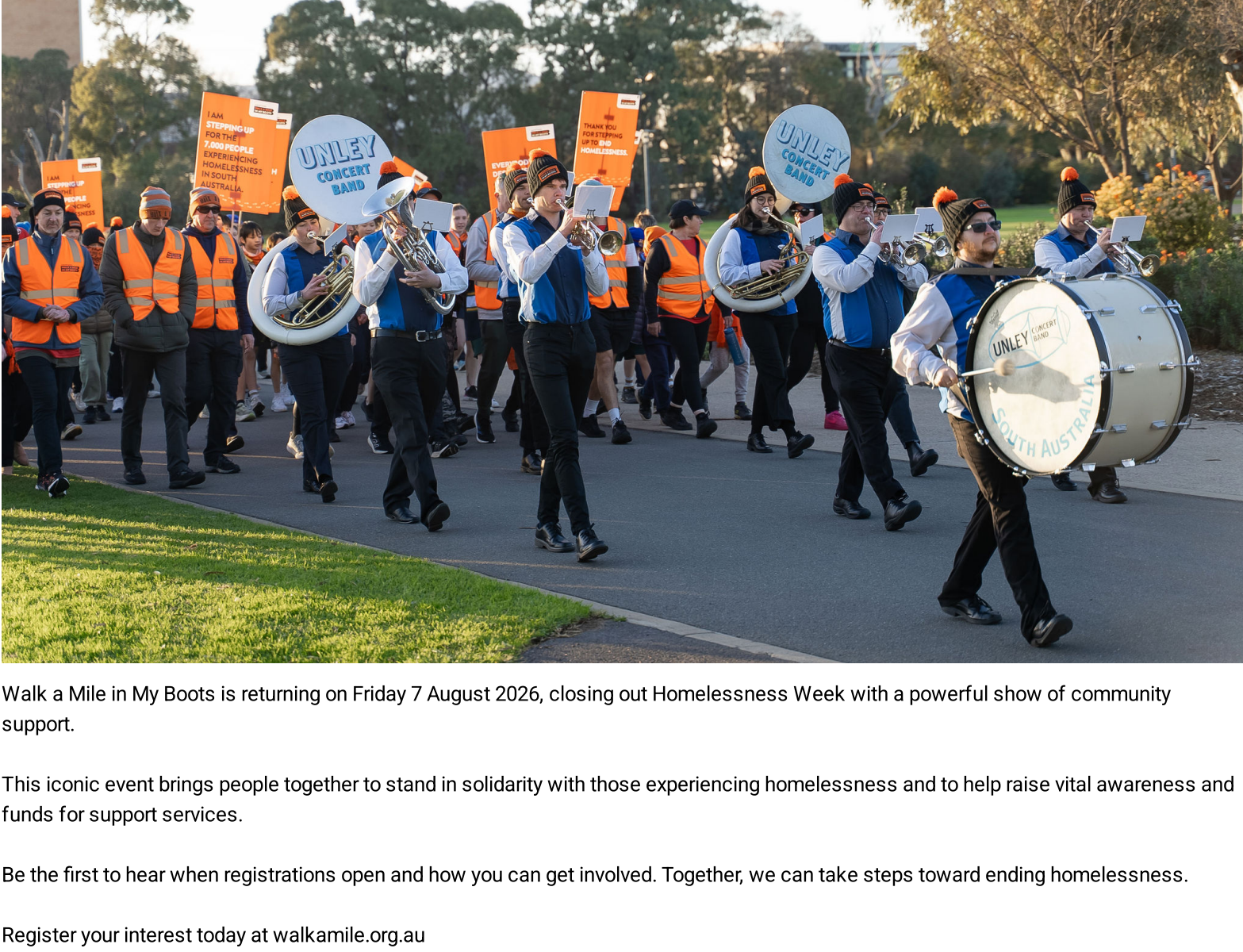
At Hutt St Centre, we're helping clients to safely and meaningfully share their voices in the lead-up to the election. Too often, decisions about housing, income support and essential services are made for people experiencing homelessness rather than with them.

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. Read more stories on our website:

[Hear us out](#)

\*Names have been edited and changed for privacy.

## Walk a Mile in 2026 - Register your interest now



Walk a Mile in My Boots is returning on Friday 7 August 2026, closing out Homelessness Week with a powerful show of community support.

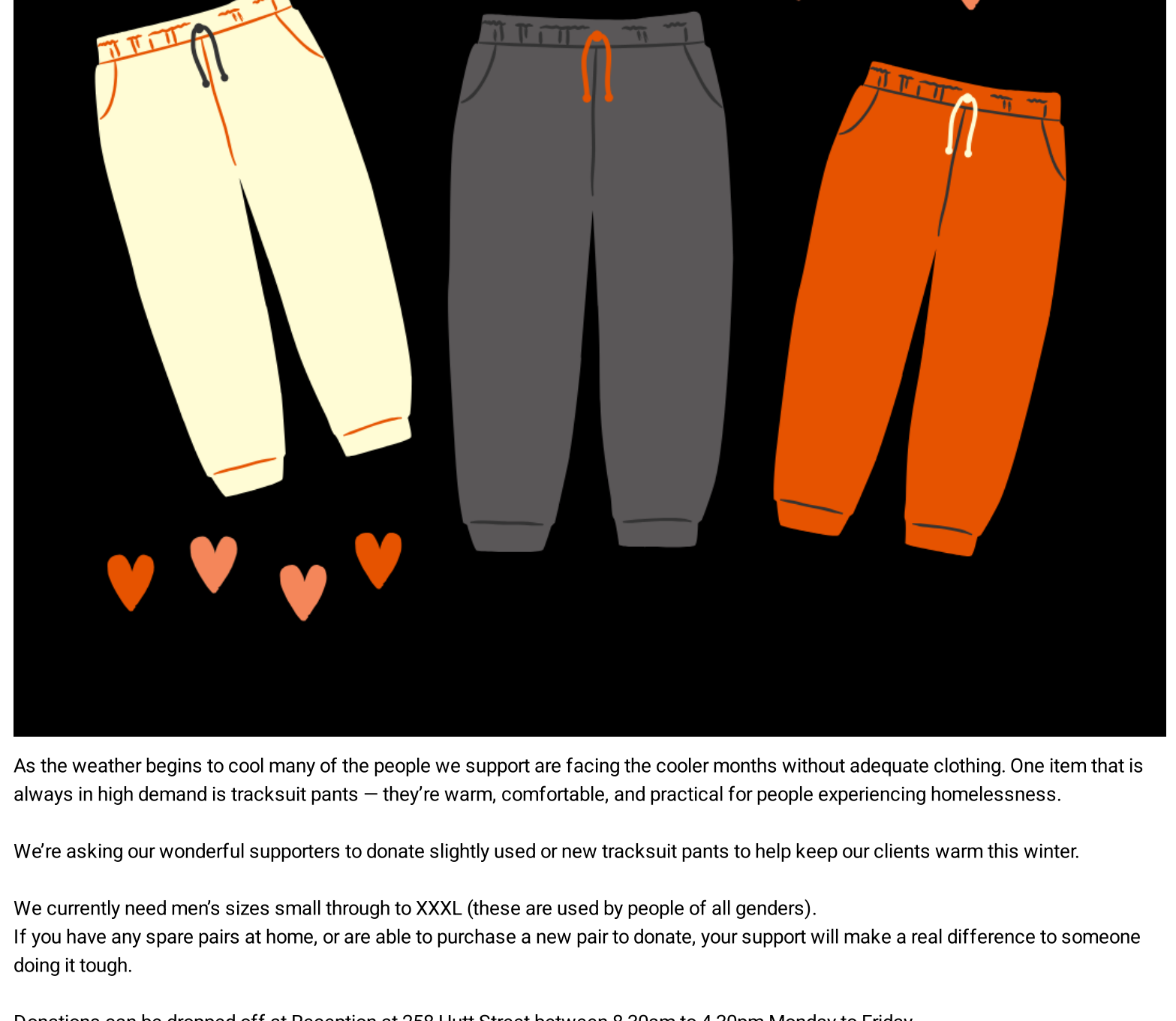
This iconic event brings people together to stand in solidarity with those experiencing homelessness and to help raise vital awareness and funds for support services.

Be the first to hear when registrations open and how you can get involved. Together, we can take steps toward ending homelessness.

Register your interest today at [walkamile.org.au](http://walkamile.org.au)

[Walk a Mile in my Boots](#)

## Your spare trackies can help change someone's day



As the weather begins to cool many of the people we support are facing the cooler months without adequate clothing. One item that is always in high demand is tracksuit pants – they're warm, comfortable, and practical for people experiencing homelessness.

We're asking our wonderful supporters to donate slightly used or new tracksuit pants to help keep our clients warm this winter.

We currently need men's sizes small through to XXXL (these are used by people of all genders).

If you have any spare pairs at home, or are able to purchase a new pair to donate, your support will make a real difference to someone doing it tough.

Donations can be dropped off at Reception at 258 Hutt Street between 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Thank you for helping us ensure everyone in our community stays warm and comfortable this winter.

## Safewill's charity free wills week: 16-30 March