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# Hutt Street Centre News



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A work of the Daughters of Charity

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**Newsflash: Delicious Belle set to return to racing on Easter Saturday at Oakbank.**

## Events Calendar

**Millionth Meal—April 28th**

**Angel for a Day—May 26th**

**Walk a Mile—Aug 5th**

**High Tea—October**

**Touch Wine—Nov 13th**

## New Vehicle Sponsor

We are excited to announce our new vehicle sponsorship partner **CMI Toyota**. CMI has provided the Fundraising Program with a new **Toyota Rukus** which will be seen about town promoting our various events.



## News from the desk of CEO Ian Cox

**Welcome all to the New Year** - HSC has been incredibly busy and active over the past 3 months. In this time, the number of people accessing our services has increased dramatically. We have seen a huge influx of people from a range of different aboriginal communities including the Yuendumu Community, many of whom were sleeping in the south parklands and accessing our services.

Over the past year, we have averaged between 35-45 people accessing our wide range of services **for the very first time including 128 new clients** in February alone, on top of our existing client group.

This has resulted in both our breakfast and lunch numbers rising dramatically with all our resources being stretched to the limit. This extra demand has also impacted heavily on the RDNS (Royal District Nursing Services), the GP's, our education and training program and our professional services.

After our successful tender in 2010, the new Eastern Generic Homelessness Service was set a target of providing services to a minimum of 250 people over 7 months (Dec 2010 – June 2011). In just 2 months, our service has already achieved this target with an overwhelming demand at the current time.

Whilst we have been incredibly busy throughout the whole Centre, there are some exciting events on the horizon in 2011 including:

- Brenda McCulloch will prepare her 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> meal from the Meal Centre in 2011 which is a remarkable achievement
- Our Education and Training Program has secured funding from the Dept for Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) through a partnership with the St Vincent de Paul Society
- We will be holding an art exhibition at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery in April 2011 – we hope to see you all there as the works are very exciting and will complement our previous exhibition held with Red Cross
- A function to celebrate our Volunteers will be held once again in 2011 – more details to follow

A training day for both staff and volunteers on the history and formation of the Daughters of Charity took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Catholic Cathedral Hall.

So despite our hectic past few months, we continue to see many positive stories with a large number of our client group being able to access new forms of housing and accommodation, and we continue to support our clients when they are unwell and have no family to turn to. It is the client group who keep us grounded so that we never forget who we are, what we stand for and how we get there. I hope everyone has a wonderful 2011.

Ian Cox CEO

## HSC Emerging Artists Exhibition Kerry Packer Civic Gallery



*Yuendumu artists painting in the South Parklands*

HSC is honoured to have been invited to hold an exhibition of the work of some of our artists and photographers at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery\*, from **April 6th to May 4th**. This follows a recent smaller exhibition of photographer, Michelle and artist Adam at the Two8Four Gallery on Rundle Street which was very well received. The exhibition will feature the works of our camera club members and paintings by various artists including some leading indigenous artists from the Yuendumu community in the NT who accessed our services throughout February and spent much time in our art room and painting in the parklands.

**\*Bob Hawke Bldg, Uni SA, City West Campus, North Terrace Adelaide**

## Visit from Liam Jurruh

Early in February Melbourne Football Club's Liam Jurruh made a surprise visit to Hutt St Centre to catch up with many family members who are currently in Adelaide from the Yuendumu community in the NT. Whilst in Adelaide for the NAB Cup against Port and The Crows Liam found time for his very large family who were thrilled to spend some quality time with him. They were also delighted when the Melbourne FC donated 60 tickets for all of the group to attend the game and watch their home-grown hero play.



Liam Jurruh, (holding the footy) is shown around HSC by members of his family.

## Sir Ian Botham Intimate Dinner

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Geoff Miller, Danielle Bayard, Geoff Merrill, Sir Ian Botham and Roger Orchard

On Sunday 3rd December sixty guests were treated to a special night with Sir Ian Botham and England's Chairman of Selectors Geoff Miller at Hutt St Centre. With a splendid meal prepared by the chefs from George's on Waymouth, a typically wonderful Bernie Booth auction and hosted by our great friend Bruce McAvaney, the night was successful in raising in excess of \$45,000 to kick off our Christmas Campaign. With the success of this inaugural intimate dinner, we are considering who we might invite this year. If you have a suggestion of who you might like to hear speak in an intimate setting at Hutt St Centre please drop me a line at [danielle@huttstcentre.org.au](mailto:danielle@huttstcentre.org.au)



Leon McEvoy & Bernie Booth



Di and Paul Kirchner



Ian Botham and Bruce McAvaney



Bill Whiting (3rd from the right, not 3rd from the left) and his fine lads.

## Brenda's Millionth Meal

Our long standing Meal Centre Manager/Chief Cook Brenda McCulloch will this year cook her one millionth meal in the Hutt St Centre kitchen. Whilst the Meal Centre has seen some changes over the 16 years under Brenda's guidance, with hundreds of volunteers helping out and a couple of kitchen renovations, every one of those million meals has been delicious and served with a smile. To mark this momentous occasion there will be a celebration at Government House on April 27th. Due to limited numbers a representation of randomly selected volunteers from over the 16 years will be invited to attend.

We will also be organising a photograph to be taken on Hutt St one quiet Sunday morning of as many volunteers and staff, past and present as possible. The intention is to create an historical record of one of Australia's most respected frontline agencies for people who are homeless and the staff and volunteers who have made such a significant contribution.

## HSC Foundation 2010 Christmas Appeal

Hutt St Centre Foundation's 2010 Christmas Appeal was successful in raising \$141,456. With a significant increase in demand for our services this was an enormously valuable income for us. Thank you most sincerely to everyone who supported the Appeal. We are extremely grateful for your commitment to our work.

## Angel for a Day 2011 /2012

We have had a big increase in the numbers coming in for meals over the past few months, partly due to the new EGHS program. Thankfully we are able to cater for all who come here because of our Angels, who pay \$350 to cover a day of meals. This year's launch of Angel for a Day will be held at HSC on Thursday May 26th from 5.00—7.00pm. This is a chance to have a look around the Centre and meet staff, volunteers and other Angels. If you would like to attend or become an Angel for a Day for \$350 call Carmel on 8418 2509 or email [carmelr@huttstcentre.org.au](mailto:carmelr@huttstcentre.org.au).

## New Volunteer Manager

We welcome Sarah Soteriou into the position of Manager of Core Services which includes coordinating our volunteers. Here she is on the right!



While talking about volunteers, we are currently seeking a volunteer to do small alterations to trouser legs and other clothing items from Dulcie's Op Shop to fit clients. If you think you can help please call Sarah on 8418 2514.