

Safe Night Space Info Sheet



What is it?

Safe Night Space is a pilot program to help people experiencing homelessness in Hobart. It will serve as a place for people to rest, seek informal support and connect to formal support services. The Safe Night Space program is a collaboration between Hobart City Mission and The Salvation Army and supported by Hobart City Council.

Who will be using it?

Safe Night Space will be open to men and women who are “sleeping rough”, and looking for a safe place to spend the night. The program will particularly focus on supporting people that are often not able to access other shelters in Hobart.

What will it look like?

Safe Night Space will run from 8pm to 7am (times may change), 7 days a week. It will be staffed by at least two staff at any one time, with two wake shifts during opening hours.

People using the service will be provided with food, and have access to kitchen and dining facilities. There will be a TV and games area with separate spaces available for quiet conversation. There will be lockers available for people to put their belongings in, and blankets and yoga mats to rest on.

During their time at the Safe Night Space people will be linked with support services such as Housing Connect, Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug specialists.

Why this service?

The housing crisis in Hobart has reached unprecedented levels, and the number of people sleeping rough has gone well beyond an acceptable level. While it isn't a long-term solution, the Safe Night Space pilot program will provide basic overnight shelter and support to rough sleepers.

The Safe Night Space Pilot program is a model of support that has not been provided in Hobart before. It will run for an initial period of 6 months, and we will be learning and adapting to the needs of participants as the program progresses.

How can I help?

Donate: The total funds needed to bring this pilot program to life is \$450,000. We're calling out to the community to get behind this program and make a real difference to the homelessness situation in Hobart. You can make donations by:

- **Phone** – Call Hobart City Mission on 6215 4200 or The Salvation Army on 6228 8400
- **Website** – www.hobartcitymission.org.au/safe-night-space or www.salvationarmy.org.au/safenightspace
- **In Person** – At Hobart City Mission office at 50 Barrack St, Hobart or
- **In Person** – At The Salvation Army State Office, Cnr Derwent Park Road and Brooker Highway, Derwent Park

Apply: We are recruiting Co-ordinators, Team Leaders and Support Workers for the Safe Night Space program. You must be resilient, compassionate, and capable of working in this challenging environment. Excellent training will be provided. For a copy of the position description, or more information, please contact Mary O'Callaghan by email at info@hobartcitymission.org.au

Volunteer: While we do not currently have any volunteer positions at Safe Night Space, we will be developing this area as we work towards a long-term model.