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# Your Mission

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who are experiencing  
homelessness in Hobart

*Safe Night Space Building*



**Hobart  
City  
Mission**

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# Safe Space turns five!

**The Safe Space program is a safe 24-hour service for people who are experiencing homelessness in Hobart.**

On December 17, 2019, Hobart City Mission opened the doors to what was then Youth Arc for the very first night of **Safe Night Space**. That night, we provided shelter to **nine people**, offering them a safe place to rest. Since then, we have continued to support those in our community who need it most.

While some of the people we helped that night are still facing the challenges of long-term homelessness, **we remain committed** to providing dignity, care, and support to everyone who walks through our doors.

Together, we have transformed an idea into a **lifesaving program** that now operates **24/7 across two locations**. Our incredible team work tirelessly to provide trauma-informed care, ensuring that every person receives the support they deserve. In the past five years, **we have supported over 1,170 people**—a

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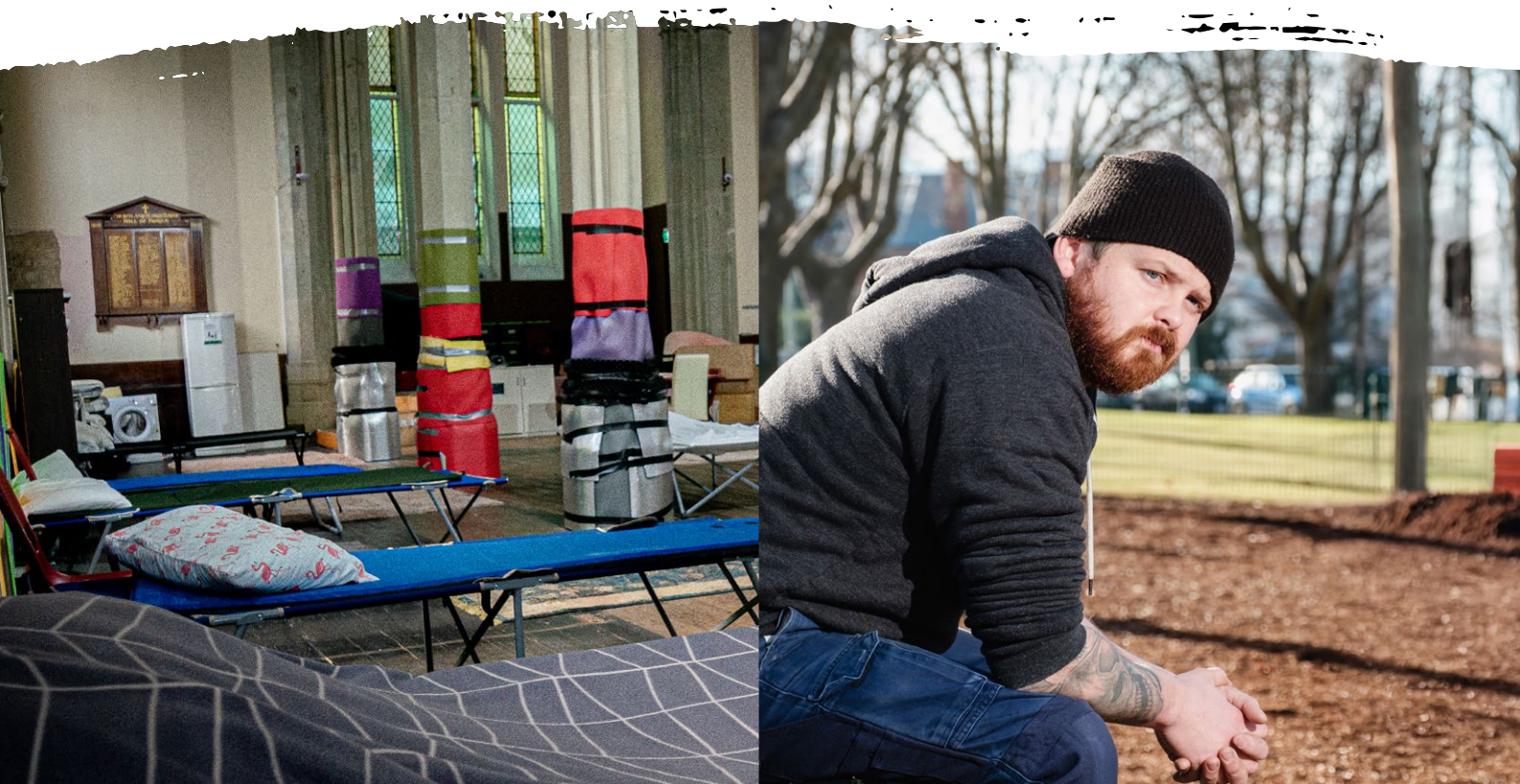
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staggering number that highlights both the need for this service and the impact we are making.

Our **Day Space** has also become a vital hub, connecting people with essential services, including a dedicated Centrelink worker, and providing a safe and welcoming environment for those seeking help.

To everyone who has supported Safe Space in any way—**thank you**. Your dedication and generosity make this possible. We could not do it without you.





# New bathrooms will bring dignity – and hope

**Imagine waking up and not having access to a shower to start your day afresh.**

Then imagine spending all day walking around a city, only to go to bed not having had a shower, and in exactly the same clothes.

For many people sleeping rough, this is their reality. **Every. Single. Day.**



At Safe Night Space we have done the best to accommodate people experiencing homelessness with showering facilities but like many heritage buildings, the facilities were run down, the hot water didn't last nearly long enough, and there simply weren't enough showers for the 35 people who come each night.

## **But you came to the rescue!**

With the generous support of the people like you, (and a lot of paperwork with council, engineers, builders, heritage experts etc) we are now halfway through an incredible renovation which will provide greatly improved bathroom amenities that are safer, cleaner and best of all – the hot water won't run out!



# A powerful partnership supporting Southern Tasmania's most vulnerable

**Hobart City Mission and TasNetworks recently announced a significant partnership aimed at improving safety and security for Tasmanians experiencing hardship.**

The partnership, valued at **\$150,000 over three years**, will fund critical security upgrades across Hobart City Mission's client-facing sites and create new opportunities for TasNetworks staff to contribute through corporate volunteering initiatives.

The partnership was officially launched during February at Hobart City Mission's Safe Night Space, where TasNetworks and Hobart City Mission staff came together to pack essential food parcels for those in need. Sean McGoldrick, CEO of TasNetworks, and Harvey Lennon, CEO of Hobart City Mission, addressed media and guests, highlighting the shared commitment to creating a safer, more secure environment for the community's most vulnerable members.

"This partnership is about more than just funding," said Sean McGoldrick. "It's about working together to make a meaningful impact in the lives of Tasmanians. Safety is at the heart of what we do at TasNetworks, and we're proud to support Hobart City Mission's vital work in the community."

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The partnership reflects TasNetworks' commitment to powering a bright future while aligning with Hobart City Mission's ongoing efforts to build stronger, safer communities. In addition to financial support, TasNetworks will provide expertise and staff engagement opportunities through a range of hands-on volunteering projects.

We couldn't do what we do without the support of community partners like TasNetworks. Their investment will make our spaces safer for the people who rely on us, giving them a secure place to turn to when they need it most.

This partnership marks the beginning of a long-term collaboration focused on safety and community impact. By working together, TasNetworks and Hobart City Mission are committed to building a stronger, more supportive environment for Tasmanians in need.



▲ TasNetworks CEO Sean McGoldrick with Hobart City Mission CEO Harvey Lennon at the Partnership Launch



Powering a  
Bright Future



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# Will you be a CHAMPION OF CHANGE?

Save the date for what will be our biggest and best, Sleep Rough event yet!

When: 5pm Friday 23 May until 8am Saturday 24 May  
Where: Princes Wharf Shed No.1 (PW1)  
Salamanca – on the concrete!

This year's event is going to be amazing, and for the first time, school children will be invited to host a Sleep Rough event at their own school. Wow! What a great opportunity for young people to gain awareness about the struggle and impact of homelessness on children and families, right in our own community.

For our amazing donors, if you raise \$250 you become a Sleep Rough Superstar and receive your own Superstar patch. For those who raise \$500 you will receive a special eye mask to help you catch some z's on the night. If you raise over \$1000, you become a Champion of Change, which gets you one of the world's warmest and comfiest jumpers to show off!



Join the fight against homelessness and help provide emergency shelter, food and support for people in Southern Tasmania.

Sign up or donate today at [www.sleeprough.com.au](http://www.sleeprough.com.au)

PS – Sign up to Sleep Rough by scanning the QR code today!

Em & the Hobart City Mission Team



# Tasmania's Taste of Summer helps raise over \$10,000 for Emergency Relief!

**Ticket purchasers at last year's Taste of Summer event had the opportunity to donate food to people in need through Hobart City Mission!**

The funds that were raised help ensure that around **400 food packs** can be given out to families facing crisis—an incredible impact made possible by our caring community!

Southern Tasmanians sure know how to share the love.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated at last year's event. And a special shout-out to Tasmania's **Taste of Summer** for their unwavering support.

In 2023/2024 alone, Emergency Relief provided 8,784 food packs—a number that continues to rise as cost-of-living pressures and housing challenges grow.



But these aren't just statistics. Behind every number is a person, a family, a story.

Together, through initiatives like this and the support of our community, we can ensure no one faces hardship alone.



## Ever thought about leaving a legacy through your Will to Hobart City Mission?

To run our programs, we rely on donations and bequests because most of our critical support for people in the local community is not funded by Government.

For more information, please head to our website [hobartcitymission.org.au/gift-in-wills](https://hobartcitymission.org.au/gift-in-wills) or feel free to call Louise Kirkwood on 0407 052 893 to find out more.

# A handmade boat, a generous heart, and a \$10,000 gift of hope



At this year's Australian Wooden Boat Festival, an incredible act of generosity set sail—demonstrating the power of community and kindness. Prior to

the festival, one of our dedicated supporters made a heartfelt decision: they would sell their handcrafted wooden boat and donate **100% of the proceeds** to Hobart City Mission.

The boat, a **15ft handmade rowing and sailing skiff named Helga**, is a true work of art. Designed by the renowned Iain Oughtred and expertly built in Tasmania by master boatbuilder Ned Trewartha, every inch of this beautiful vessel reflects craftsmanship and dedication.

Throughout the festival, **Helga** attracted admiration from boating enthusiasts and festival goers. When the boat was sold for an

incredible **\$10,000**, every dollar went directly to Hobart City Mission, helping provide vital support for vulnerable people across Southern Tasmania.

This inspiring act of generosity is a shining example of how people in our community use their talents, resources, and creativity to make a difference. Whether it's through time, skills, or financial contributions, every effort helps change lives.



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