HORNSBY CONNECT VISION

"A hand-up for all in need"

Hornsby Connect will strive to offer members of our community that are in need with a sense of HOPE by providing a safe Community Hub.

Hornsby Connect operates on a "hand up"

approach in delivering a food distribution centre to those people that are experiencing financial hardship".



HORNSBY CONNECT EMERGING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

This Community initiative has the potential to effect changes that will combat poverty and social exclusion.

We are the heart of a community in need and to help keep the doors open we continually require donations to keep that dream alive. We have received local support from a number of fantastic members of the community. We essentially require ongoing funding to sustain the extremely beneficial programs we currently provide and to allow us to expand will take further funding.

The Community Food program provides grocery hampers for a nominal service and handling fee along with free fruit, vegetables and bread weekly to every family and individual with a concession benefit card that are facing crisis or financial hardship.

Hornsby Connect offers vulnerable and disadvantaged people with access to a café style drop in centre and to a wholesome meal and a chance to build relationships in a safe and welcoming place.



OBJECTIVES

By partnering with the local community we can help build relationships and empower people to make life-transforming choices, for themselves and for their families.

Beyond this, our food services also act as a connection point – opening doors to other services that empower and support people living with disadvantages.

Community Services reaches out to those who feel they are on the outside. We help our clients overcome great personal trials such as relationship breakdown, unemployment, and language barriers all resulting in isolation.

Most of our groceries are sourced from Foodbank, Oz Harvest and Secondbite who in turn rescue-edible but surplus food and groceries from the country's farmers, manufacturers and retailers.

Our Care Approach

Our care approach builds on a person's strengths in order to enhance health, wellbeing, independence and participation in a meaningful life.

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

Giving Compassion Without Judgement.

People often see a counsellor after a major life change or crisis, but counselling can help people at any time in their life. People can use counselling to make sense of an issue, change their behaviour or life, or solve a problem that they have been struggling with.

- Information and referral Advocacy
- Crisis counselling and development

There is a growing hidden epidemic of loneliness and isolation in our community.

Here at Hornsby Connect we are creating opportunities in a secure familiar environment for those who may very well be experiencing similar issues by fostering a sense of belonging and connection with others.

It is alarming to read the statistics and newspaper headlines that loneliness is a new epidemic in our society.

WHERE WILL YOU FIND HORNSBY CONNECT

We officially opened our doors last November 2016.

After securing suitable premises with the help of Westfield Shopping Centre and Hornsby Council. We now operate on the corner of Muriel & Burdett Streets, in Hornsby. Open every Wednesday between 1:30 to 3:30 pm.



For more information: www.hornsbyconnect.org.au Steve Hopwood on 0401 778 124

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Hornsby Connect is an independent Non -for -Profit organisation established by a number of local residents with the focus in helping others whom are 'doing it tough'.

- Operate a food distribution point that will provide people experiencing financial hardship with affordable groceries.
- Provide a café type facility for people to meet and get to know one other.
- Assist people who are socially isolated to reconnect with society.
- Provide personalised support to longterm unemployed and for those that have been caught-up in the poverty trap.
- Provide counselling and referral assistance.