

Impact *matters*



St Pat's
St Patrick's Community
Support Centre

See how your generosity is changing lives.
One life at a time.

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An update on Katelyn and her family

A few months ago, we shared Katelyn's story with you.

After her partner was diagnosed with cancer, the family lost their rental and found themselves living in a tent near their young daughter's kindly. Faced with unimaginable uncertainty, Katelyn was doing everything she could to keep her family safe while navigating homelessness.

Today, we're delighted to share some wonderful news.

With the support of St Pat's, Katelyn and her family are now thriving in a safe and secure home.

"Having a house feels like we are living again. It feels like we're on the path to a future," Katelyn shared. "Having a house is having all the opportunities in the world to succeed."

Our team walked alongside Katelyn every step of the way, providing practical support, advocacy and helping the family navigate the housing system. A strong letter of support from St Pat's assisted Katelyn in securing priority housing, giving the family the fresh start they desperately needed.

"Once St Pat's came out to us... that was the beginning of something different, of a different kind of help," Katelyn said. "The team were amazing."

Today, her partner has returned to work, her daughters have the stability of a home and their daily routines once again, and Katelyn is no longer living in survival mode.

Stories like Katelyn's remind us that homelessness doesn't define a person's future. With the right support at the right time, change is possible.



Thank You



for Supporting Our Winter Appeal

This year's Winter Appeal was met with an incredible outpouring of generosity from our community.

Together, you helped raise

\$260,000

to support people experiencing homelessness during one of the most challenging times of the year.

Your generosity means St Pat's can continue providing practical support, advocacy and pathways to housing for families like Katelyn's, ensuring more individuals and families can move from crisis towards stability and hope.

From everyone at St Pat's, thank you for standing alongside people experiencing homelessness. Your kindness is changing lives.



Inside our *new* engagement hub



*Architect's impression
of St Pat's new Engagement Hub

Our building contractors **Byte Construct** have been busy turning our old Beach Street warehouse into a new, purpose-built and welcome **Engagement Hub** for those experiencing homelessness in our communities.

We anticipate the new Hub opening early in 2027.

Watch this space!

Kwinana Development – Building more than homes

Everyone deserves somewhere to call home.

That's why we're excited to begin construction of a new social housing development in Kwinana that will provide 26 safe, affordable homes for people experiencing homelessness.

Designed for families, older women and individuals needing accessible housing, the

development represents far more than bricks and mortar.

"A home is more than four walls and a roof," says CEO Michael Piu.

"It is the foundation for safety, wellbeing, recovery and connection to community."

Supported by the Minderoo Foundation, WA Government and Housing Australia, the development will combine



26 homes, 44 bedrooms



1, 2 & 3 bedroom options



Accessible design



Energy efficient

high-quality housing with tailored support services to help residents build stable, independent futures.

Every new home represents another opportunity for someone to begin again, and that's something your support helps make possible.

St Pat's Stores

St Pats Stores in Fremantle make it easy to shop sustainably while supporting people experiencing homeless: without compromising on style.

Come down and meet Stores Manager Tina, her team Robina and Lia and our wonderful host of volunteers and nab a fashionable statement item or a bargain.

Behind our doors at 2-4 Market Street, our new Stores are bringing together a local circular economy by extending the life of pre-loved fashion and homewares:

RePatched.ReWear.ReStyle: one-of-a-kind pieces upcycled out of

textiles which would otherwise end up in landfill, creating sustainable fashion which is good for you, and the planet!

Secondhand clothing and homewares: affordable clothes, shoes and accessories, no matter your budget and homewares to restyle your home without breaking the bank.

At 101 High Street fashion takes centre stage with carefully curated collections of high-quality vintage and second-hand clothing and accessories over two floors - retro and eclectic statement pieces, masculine and feminine streetwear, elegant eveningwear.



Supporter Spotlight

Supporting Our Community, Close to Home

For this edition of *Impact Matters*, we're delighted to recognise the generosity of two long-standing Fremantle residents and St Pat's supporters.

Having lived in Fremantle for many years, they value the unique mix of people, businesses and community organisations that make the area so special. They also recognise how fortunate they have been to always have a safe and secure place to call home.

"We do not take this for granted and understand that homelessness can happen to anyone, sometimes unexpectedly."

Their support of St Pat's is driven by a simple but powerful belief: that people experiencing homelessness deserve compassionate

support from their local community when they need it most.

Having seen the impact of St Pat's work, they have confidence that every donation helps provide practical assistance with dignity and respect.

"We have seen that St Pat's provides this help in a compassionate, respectful and effective way. For this reason, we are very happy to support St Pat's in their important work."

We're incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of supporters like these, whose commitment helps ensure people experiencing homelessness have somewhere to turn for support, hope and a pathway forward.

— Two long-standing Fremantle Residents and St Pat's supporters.

Meet John



Every person who comes to St Pat's has a story.

John spends his days listening to them.

As one of our Housing Allocation Officers, John helps hundreds of people each year access accommodation and begin the journey towards stability.

How did you end up working in community services?

"I started as a therapy assistant in a geriatric ward and found the work fascinating. One role led to another, and here I am more than twenty years later. It's challenging work, but I couldn't imagine doing anything else."

What surprises people most about your role?

"People often think they're being assessed or judged, but that's not what it's about. The best conversations happen when people realise they're simply talking to another person who's genuinely interested in hearing their story."

What keeps you going?

"When residents finally hear they've secured a long-term home, it's an incredible moment. Watching someone move from uncertainty to stability is something I'll never get tired of."





Upcoming events

See the New Engagement Hub for Yourself

As our new Engagement Hub nears completion, we're looking forward to welcoming supporters to see the space first-hand later this year.

This purpose-built facility will transform the way St Pat's supports people experiencing

homelessness, creating a welcoming environment where people can access meals, healthcare, support services and opportunities to rebuild their lives.

If you'd like to be among the first to visit the new Engagement Hub and learn more about how your support is helping shape the future of St Pat's, we'd love to hear from you.

Simply register your interest below, and we'll be in touch with more information once visits have been scheduled



Impact by the numbers

We're seeing about 440 rough sleepers a month come through the doors of our Hub. In the past year (FY26), we've provided:

571 homes provided for people
2,806 people received specialist support

Since January we've provided



15,713
meals



8,404
showers



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