

Active Afternoons at Carole Park

We enjoyed a great visit at Carole Park State School in early December at Mission Australia's Active Afternoon Tea. The after-school sessions were instigated by the Ellen Grove/Carole Park Collective Action Group in response to the Australian Early Development Census, which suggested that local children would benefit from access to physical activities and other support. Mission Australia's Jade Bademan (pictured) invited Thread Together to join the PCYC, Kummara Association and Salvation Army, who have also been assisting families through the Active Afternoon Tea sessions.

While the children were enjoying their own activities, the Thread Together van focused on the mums. As Kate said, it was especially lovely to see the smiles emerge as the women chose something beautiful to wear. (And there was only one small misunderstanding, when a puzzled school executive glimpsed the Bendon Lingerie branding on the back of the van!)



It's hard to believe this is our third December newsletter!

After an exciting and challenging year, we want to express our very deep thanks to all those who have supported Thread Together in Queensland in 2022 - the Thread Together team in Sydney and elsewhere; our volunteers and the St Andrew's community, including Mothers Union; Anglicare SQ; our site coordinators; and all the other supporters who have contributed in large and small ways to this adventure.

Thank you for your support, time, generosity and friendship during this year of Covid, and floods, and very hard times for so many people.

Thank you, too, to our customers, who show us every day what courage means.

We hope that this Christmas brings you all joy, peace and hope for the new year.





Christmas spirit at Beddown

The Christmas spirit was in the air when the Beddown community came together last week for good food, good music and access to services.

Thread Together joined a long list of party contributors, from generous providers of ham, lamb and pork, coffee, drinks and decorations; to food prep and service; hairdressing; health and addiction services; as well as legal, tenancy, financial and employment advice.

Our Thread Together volunteers caught up with Norm from Beddown at the event. There's more detail and photos on the Beddown Facebook page [here](#).

An update and thank you from the hub

The Thread Together hub has now closed for the Christmas break. We are grateful for the support of the many agencies who have referred their clients to the hub this year, including our Anglicare colleagues, Communify, 3rd Space, Mission Australia, MARA, and the Uniting Church.

In 2022, we have provided clothing for people in emergency situations, people getting ready for work and court appearances, new arrivals to Australia and those newly out of prison. We've aimed to offer a dignified and enjoyable retail experience, as well as a friendly face and cup of tea to those who come through the doors.

We're looking forward to extending that welcome into another year when the hub reopens in the second week of January, 2023.

Become a partner

Our usual reminder that if you work with people who are doing it tough (in metro, regional or remote areas of Queensland), you can also apply to become a Thread Together partner. This enables you to place orders for new clothing directly on the Thread Together online portal, and have items delivered for free to your door. Contact Kate for help (klittmannkelly@anglicaresq.org.au) or apply quickly and easily at the onboarding form on the Thread Together website, at www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partner-online

Clothing hub bookings



Hub bookings are now available. Please go to our [booking page](http://anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub) [anglicaresq.org.au/thread-together-brisbane-clothing-hub] to refer your clients for a Thread Together clothing hub appointment.

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