

The new year according to Dr Seuss

There's a quote from that famous philosopher, Dr Seuss, that goes like this:

*You'll never get bored when you try something new.
There's really no limit to what you can do.*

It would have been hard at the beginning of 2022, when we were managing an Omicron wave that forced our van off the road, and major flooding across Brisbane and northern NSW, to imagine all the 'something new' adventures that the year was going to hold.

The biggest one of course has been the hub. It's been exciting to see demand grow since our opening in October, and the joy that the hub has brought to our customers in that time. So keep watch in 2023 - who knows what might happen next!

Best foot forward

Romero Centre clients were "putting their best foot forward" in brand new shoes and clothing which they selected at the clothing hub recently. It was great to see the confidence that new outfits, reflecting their personal taste and style, contributed as they focus on becoming work-ready.



'Bring a friend' 2023

We've had a wonderful influx of new volunteers recently, and Kate has been occupied with many 'orientation coffees'. Demand for the services of both the van and the hub are constantly growing, however, and we're always keen to welcome new volunteers. We have a range of activities to suit almost anyone, including:

- unpacking, sorting the new clothing as it arrives and packing the van
- site visits with the van (as a stylist, or we're always in need of drivers)
- stylists based at the clothing hub to assist referred customers
- administration support.

Current volunteers - we'd love you to 'bring a friend' along for a no obligation trial run with us!

In 2023, we're also planning to pilot pastoral care volunteers at selected sites. If you're someone who has a passion for offering emotional support and acknowledgement to others, we'd love to hear from you. This role is supported and provided with training by Anglicare. If you're interested in volunteering in this way, or want to know more, please contact us for more information."



New year, new faces: an update from Kate



With the current heatwave, recent Monday morning 'clothes-sorting' has been a joy in the air-conditioning! We've been thrilled to welcome some new faces to the team. Sue and Marion have been learning the ropes from Celia, Marjorie and Margaret (left). Brenda (Lynn's mum) came all the way from England to lend a hand and offer a cheerful face as customers arrived at the hub. (Or maybe she was just very kind to help while holidaying in Australia!)

Our thanks as always to our experienced Thread Together volunteers as well, who enable us to offer the support we do. Lynn and Jane (below right) are at the ready to assist customers who have bookings at the hub. (And a behind-the-scenes look at the children's wear boxes ready to be assembled, thanks to a Maiwar Community Grant.)



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 (klittmann-kelly@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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