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Our thanks to you

The year has again sped by. In this end-of-year edition of our Thread Together newsletter, we want to say thank you to all of you for your contributions in 2023.

To our customers, who generously share with us every day their joys, challenges, insights and knowledge - thank you.

To those who coordinate and support us at each of our 35+ sites, wrangling parking spots out of nowhere, adding our visits to already demanding days - thank you.

And to those who have volunteered in heat, cold and torrential downpours this year – for your careful driving, packing, styling, hub management, clothes sorting, unboxing, plastic crate cleaning, chicken wrangling, IT wrestling, hanger de-tangling, sweeping, carpentry, administration, moral support, cardboard collecting, plastics sorting, van servicing, recycling, calendar updating, clothes order preparation, bag donation, van cleaning and the hundreds of other jobs that enable Thread Together to continue – thank you.

This year has been another wondrous chapter in the Thread Together story in Queensland. From Kate, Rev'd Sue and Leanne – thank you again, and we're looking forward to all of the great things we'll do together in 2024.

Our last day of operation for this year will be 19 December, and you'll see us again on 15 January.

Booking the Thread Together mobile wardrobe for 2024

The 2024 booking calendar is now open to schedule a Thread Together mobile wardrobe visit for your service. If you have not yet booked and would like to, then please email ThreadTogether@anglicaresq.org.au or phone Kate on 0408 569 164 to arrange a time.



2023 Awards

Leanne and Kate recently attended the 2023 Anglicare Southern Queensland Excellence Awards. The Queensland Thread Together Team was nominated for the Anglicare Sustainability Award – and we won! This is an award that is shared with many - all of the effort, time and energy of the Queensland Thread Together volunteers and supporters make what we do possible.

The national Thread Together team was also a finalist in the 2023 NORA (Australian Retail) Solution Partners Award, and won Best Charity Initiative.



North Lakes YMCA Junior School

The Thread Together mobile wardrobe finished out the school year with one last visit on 16 November, attending the North Lakes YMCA Junior School.

YMCA North Lakes Youth Space Coordinator Jill (pictured), other staff and the Thread Together volunteers helped more than 20 young people find something cool and trendy for the hot summer holidays. The Thread Together mobile service to schools will resume in February 2024.





Ipswich teamwork



Each week, individuals and families who are experiencing hard times gather on Wednesday afternoons for support and friendship at Queens Park Ipswich.

Services such as Orange Sky, Rosie's and Thread Together come to the park to offer food, clothing, washing facilities, links to services, a hot drink and snacks, and kind conversation.

Springfield Anglican College students, guided by school chaplain The Rev'd Jon Kemp, are also often there to volunteer with Rosie's and Thread Together.

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 (threadtogether@anglicaresq.org.au) or apply quickly and easily at the onboarding form on the Thread Together website, at www.threadtogether.org/apply-charity-partneronline

Clothing hub bookings



To refer your clients for a Thread Together clothing hub appointment at Indooroopilly, please go to our booking <u>page</u> [anglicaresq.org.au/thr ead-togetherbrisbane-clothinghubl.

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