# COMPASSIONATE TRANSITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS MEN IN TASMANIA.

Welcome to Bethlehem House, offering accommodation, support, and associated services for homeless men in central Hobart; and the only 24hr staffed service for men.

Bethlehem House is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which has been meeting the needs of homeless men in crisis continuously since 1972.

Bethlehem House is largest provider of crisis and transitional accommodation for homeless men in Tasmania.

Each year, Bethlehem House provides up to 12,500 bed nights across a number of properties, all centrally located to the Hobart CBD and the many service providers required by those seeking support and assistance.





## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a 20-year old Italian student, Frederic Ozanam. Today, the Society operates in 153 countries and has over 800,000 members. Australia has over 60,000 members, dedicated to assisting people in need and combating social injustice. The Society started in Tasmania in 1899 when founders established a Conference in Launceston. From humble beginnings, the Society has grown to 25 Conferences within three Regional Councils across Tasmania. Each Conference undertakes a variety of good works aimed at assisting the most vulnerable people living in our communities.

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# Bethlehem House

# SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS

Bethlehem House is a 'special work' of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Its mandate is to provide crisis shelter and support for homeless men. This support includes access to other essential services with a view to finding permanent housing solutions. The crisis accommodation includes meals, clothing, washing facilities, and a gym.

We have a multi-disciplinary team providing each resident with intensive case management, including specialised health care, advocacy, support for mental health issues, and addiction therapy. We offer both group and individual sessions, as well as legal and housing support.

Working in partnership with the Tasmanian Community Fund, Bethlehem House also provides life skills education, including literacy, numeracy, financial coaching, and cookery. Residents also enjoy regular outings to facilitate community engagement and physical exercise.

Bethlehem House extends a warm welcome through respect, empowerment, hope and integrity. We offer a – non-judgmental – fresh start to those who have experienced trauma leading to homelessness.



# **OUR VISION**

A compassionate Tasmania, which supports homeless men.

# **OUR MISSION**

To provide quality crisis accommodation and excellent support services to homeless men and to men at risk of homelessness, in Tasmania.

# OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Our values and principles form the basis and underpin the work of Bethlehem House. All staff, volunteers and business partners must be aware of these values and principles and ensure that their work supports the capacity of the organisation to realise these values and principles.

## **RESPECT**

- Recognising the worth of the individual regardless of his circumstances, status, race, religion, politics, or behaviour:
- Fostering the growth of human dignity and respect; and
- · Respecting individual and group differences.



- Encouraging self-help as a means to grow in self-confidence and responsibility;
- Promoting opportunities for a more satisfying life for the men; and
- Affording every man the opportunity to make best use of his potential.

## HOPE

- Developing the organisation as a community of genuine care and unconditional positive regard; and
- To believe in the capacity for change through solutions-focused methodology.

#### INTEGRITY

- Adhere to high quality principles of case management and professionalism at all times.
- Be accountable for our actions;
- · Be our word; and
- Act with transparency.

We are thankful for the generous support of individuals, businesses, government, and the wider community, which allows Bethlehem House to continue our work assisting homeless men and those at risk of homelessness.

I NEEDED THEM. I WAS SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, AND I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY WITHOUT THEM.

- Current Resident

