

The hub has launched!

Monday morning, Day 1. Two new families, just arrived in Australia, are welcomed at the hub. They're browsing, taking their time, enjoying the experience of choosing clothes they love, swivelling in front of the mirror.

Our volunteers are just one Great Big Smile.

This is what we all envisaged more than 12 months ago, when we started planning for a clothing hub at St Andrew's at Indooroopilly. And on Thursday 20 October, it all came together in a lovely celebration of community with our customers and the people who support them; our volunteers; members of St Andrew's parish and other local community members; as well as Anglicare and Thread Together staff.

Uncle Steve Coghill of the Yuggera people welcomed us to Country; and the hub was blessed and officially opened by The Most Rev'd Dr Phillip Aspinall and former Governor-General and Governor of Queensland, The Hon. Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO. Michael Berkman MP, our Maiwar local Member, also joined us.

Thank you to our MC, Rev'd Sue Grimmert, and to our speakers, who captured the very heart of Thread Together in Brisbane. It was particularly special to hear from Hamida, one of our customers from Multicultural Australia. A dentist and TV presenter in her home country of Afghanistan, since arriving in Australia with little English Hamida has simultaneously learned how to swim and how to *teach* swimming. She has just started her first job in Australia, and we were thrilled to share that excitement with her.

Gallery



Behind the scenes...

There are too many people to thank for the behind the scenes work that brought the hub into being, but we have evidence of at least some of it below!

Many thanks to the crew from Princess Polly, who contributed their time, energy and design skills to help make the hub look fabulous.



The wonderful Mothers' Union team, who baked, poured, served and made everyone feel welcome.



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

From the heart (and overheard)

Partnerships grow where values align. When we can bring our shared gifts of talents, resources, love and time the result is remarkable. [Kate, Thread coordinator]

As a three-way collaboration, we treasure a partnership where each of us can put our mission and values into action, and contribute our strengths to make a whole that is greater than its parts. [Sue, Anglicare Executive Director]

The need is great. The impact of the pandemic and this year's flooding has highlighted the importance of taking care of each other and our environment.. Together, we can clothe many more people doing it tough around the country, providing choice and restoring dignity and hope for a better tomorrow. [Abby on behalf of Anthony, Thread Together CEO].

The Thread Together hub is about providing quality new clothing to those who need it most, but even more vitally it is about honouring the dignity of every single person who will come through the door. [Rev'd Sue, St Andrew's]

Does the BOM site still say rain...??! [Everyone]

I really need the recipe for that lemon slice. [Anon.]



A note to our partners

Our hub bookings are now available! Look out for an email next week on how to refer your clients for a Thread Together clothing hub appointment.

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