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**YOUR GENEROSITY
HELPS OPEN THE DOORS
TOWARDS STABILITY,
CONNECTION, AND
HEALING**





A Message From Our CEO

This is my first newsletter as CEO, and I am excited to step into this role at such an important time. I feel proud to be part of an organisation with a 170-year history of walking alongside Victorians and contributing to strong, connected communities.

This important work continues because of supporters like you, and I am genuinely honoured to be the next custodian of the MCM legacy.

Your support reflects the kindness at the heart of our community. Together, we are working alongside people like Gary and Clara, who you will read about in this newsletter, as they build stability, pursue their goals, and shape the futures they want.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to mark your calendar for our flagship annual fundraising event, Sleep at the 'G on 14 May. It is a powerful opportunity to come together, raise awareness, and stand in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness.

Warm regards,

Paul Wappett
CEO
MCM (Melbourne City Mission)

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Thank you

You've helped create hope and opportunity for so many Victorians

In our Summer Appeal, we introduced you to Gary and Clara: two people who had been facing unimaginable challenges. We're delighted to update you on their progress.

MCM's Melton Rough Sleeper Program team found Gary sleeping rough in the Western Suburbs.

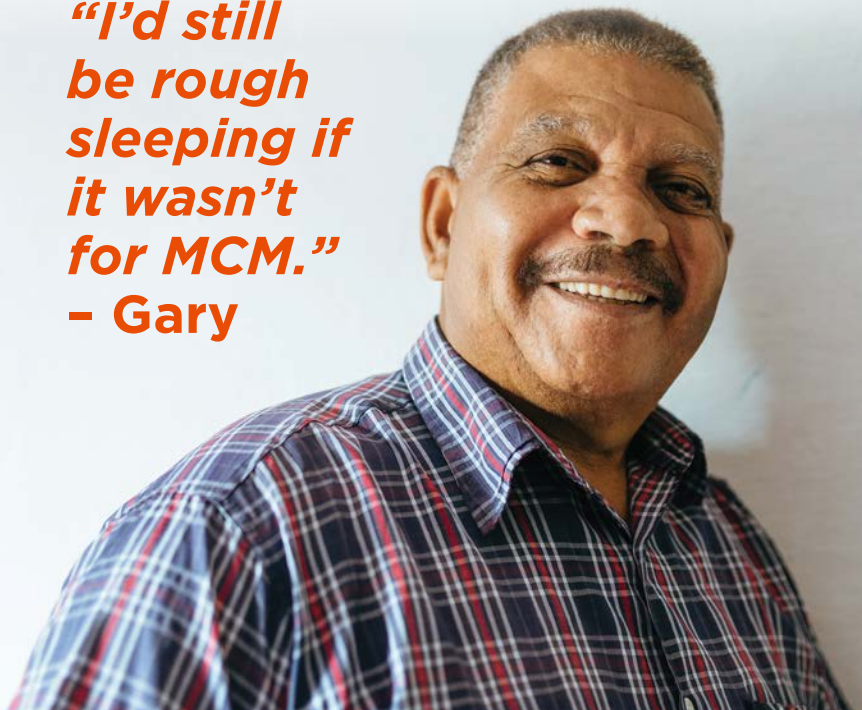
At 61, he'd already overcome many health challenges, but without stable housing, life became extremely difficult.

Thanks to support like yours, we started by securing essentials like a sleeping bag, warm socks and a beanie. Then we provided funding for temporary accommodation, before helping Gary move into a new boarding house.

And the care didn't end there. Gary also received rent assistance, as well as items like bed linen to make his new space feel like home.

MCM's Melton Rough Sleeper Program recently earned statewide recognition by winning the Award for Excellence in Ending Homelessness. Since 2023 the program has rapidly grown into a vital response for one of Victoria's most disadvantaged regions, making a meaningful impact by providing services, medical referrals, material aid, and proactive outreach.

"I'd still be rough sleeping if it wasn't for MCM."
- Gary



“Having a home has gifted me back my independence and sense of security.”

– Clara



You might remember Clara from our Summer Appeal.

She contacted MCM after becoming homeless at just 20 and after years of family violence.

The MCM Youth Foyers program provided her long-term accommodation and support from a dedicated youth development coach. With a safe and stable home, Clara could continue her

studies, find work and rebuild her confidence – all made possible by donations from kind-hearted people like you.

Clara is now using her lived experience to help change the system for others facing homelessness.

Thanks to your support, we delivered...



31,000+

episodes of support through Frontyard



60+

different programs for Victorians in need



330+

Young people and families supported at Youth Foyers



Leave a legacy of hope for Victorians

A gift in your will is a powerful expression of the values that have shaped your life. By remembering MCM, you can help ensure that people across Victoria are supported to navigate life's challenges and access safety, connection and genuine care when it matters most.

Your legacy can support people to build stability, strengthen connections, and shape a future filled with possibility.

For a confidential conversation about including a gift in your will, contact MCM's Supporter Relations Team on **1300 364 507** or email **bequests@mcm.org.au**



Don't miss our night to remember

Join us on Thursday 14 May, for an unforgettable night at the MCG to help end youth homelessness in Victoria.

On any given night, more than 7,600 Victorians aged 12-24 are without a safe place to sleep. Many are couch-surfing, sleeping in cars, or staying in unsafe housing.

By joining us - and hundreds of like-minded, generous Victorians - you can help raise funds to support the vital services MCM provides for young people experiencing homelessness. In 2025, our community raised more than \$730,000 and in 2026, we're aiming even higher.

Find out more and register now at sleepattheg.com.au




For further information, scan the QR code or visit mcm.org.au/bequests



Thank you for keeping our communities strong, and helping Victorians when they need it most.

 To donate online, visit mcm.org.au/autumn or scan here:

 To make a donation over the phone, call **1300 364 507**



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MCM places people at the centre of what we do



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the waterways and lands where we work. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



We commit to ensuring everyone we work with is safe, empowered, supported, and respected, especially children and young people. We support and celebrate diversity of race, culture, ability, gender, sexuality, and gender identity.