

WINTER

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN & THE HOMELESS NEED BLANKETS !!

THANKS TO Runcorn Christian Church, FOM was able to give out over 40 blankets in 1 day last week, but more are needed! We would really appreciate any donations of blankets & sleeping bags to support those sleeping rough. These can be dropped off to Fishers of Men, 753 Underwood Road, Rochedale South Qld

Bobby sharing his story on Vision Fm



"We Just Gotta Love 'Em"

Peter Waterman filmed and directed a short movie conglomeration, (Together) which included a story about us and the work of Fishers of Men. "Together" focused on the importance of community and connection to foster the greater good and individual's sense of self-worth and value. For us; our motivating force was (and is) Jesus all the way, so we were a bit hesitant almost to get involved, wondering if a secular film maker was going to portray our Saviour in a negative, or a positive light. Well... the outcome was a pleasant vignette of some of Fishers of Men's activities. It focuses more on Bobby and I's involvement in helping others and fostering community which, while assisting others also in turn encourages them to participate in community. Jesus is mentioned by name only once but, we think His message comes through clear and would like to thank Peter for his efforts to produce an objective film without compromising our core belief. Thank You!

The pictures (on the left) are of us taking the blokes from the houses out to see the film. It can be seen by scanning the QR code on the left if you would like to watch, (approx. 20 mins), or by searching "We just gotta love em" on youtube. While you're at it, there's a short 2 min slide show/video put together on the opening page of our website if you haven't seen it, (just click the arrow on the opening page) to see some of our current wonderful activities, (Put together by Ash). Praise God!

The lovely Bonnie and Dan are getting closer to having their baby! Eight weeks now! It was so lovely to see them gearing up for baby Embrey at their recent baby shower. Boy or girl? We'll know in 8 weeks!

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
Brisbane Chapter
 Up close and personal
Testimonial Luncheon with Ps Bobby Mearns

Raised in a dysfunctional family, Bobby fell into a life of extreme crime, drug addiction and dealing, gambling, homelessness, and poor health (gangrene in his leg), as well as suicidal tendencies...until during rehab, and as a result of much intercessory prayer, he came out of the darkness, into the light. He and his wife Branwen are two of the founding directors of the Fishers of Men ministry which reaches out to the lost with the Gospel, by providing nearly 1000 meals a week to the hungry. Additionally, they run 3 houses for men in recovery.

Come along to hear the rest of his amazing testimony.
Everyone welcome

SATURDAY 14 JUNE - 1:00PM FOR 1:30PM START
TANJA'S CAFE - 372-374 Main Rd, Wellington Point
 Plenty of Street parking
 Delicious Alternate Drop Lunch including Tea or Coffee & Music - \$27.50
 RSVP by 10 June (Seats are Limited)
 To Secure booking go to [TryBooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) using link below:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DBYJU>
 Enquiries - Contact Adrienne - 0438 788 594

JACK'S JOURNEY

A young man from Melbourne entered Fishers of Men recently. What was striking about him, was the journey that he took to get here. Melbourne born and bred, he came across Ethan, one of our past residents who left FOM to continue his studies there. Whilst doing so, Ethan connected with a rehab for support in order to continue his abstinence journey. Jack was in the same rehab. Ethan told him about Fishers of Men. Neither Ethan nor Jack stayed in that program. Jack moved up to his Aunty on the Gold Coast, then eventually became homeless on the streets of Brisbane due to addiction without any support. While on the streets, Jack received a meal and encouragement from our City street van team. Again, he heard about Fishers of Men. Jack came for an interview, moved into Fishers of Men, and within a week, gave his life to the Lord. It's all very new, but he has settled in, is beginning to surrender different areas of his life and is doing well.



FOM Section of the Together Film



FOM Video Promo



Bobby was asked to share at the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship on 14th June.



CYCLONE ALFRED:
 The body of Christ prayed and prayed and prayed, asking God to divert or shut down Cyclone Alfred. I know He heard and answered. Alfred morphed into a lesser "Alfie" with much smaller repercussions for both us and our community in comparison to what could have been. Fishers of Men got by relatively unscathed - except for the loss of one of our commercial fridges which didn't turn back on again after the long power black-out and generator use. Anyone out there have a commercial walk-in fridge or freezer? (or both). They don't need anymore? We could really use them.



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The Lord Mayor's prayer breakfast.

The Lord Mayor, Adrian Schinner and the Lady Mayoress, Nina, invited Bobby and I to sit with them at the recent Lord Mayor's prayer breakfast, (running for 19yrs now!). Talk about an honour! Fishers of Men was named the charity of choice for the event with the Lord Mayor actively inviting attendees to donate during the morning to support our charitable work! Bobby and I both got to share about the ministry on stage, with Bobby talking about his past life - how he used to be a homeless addict and drug dealer, sleeping on a cardboard box in a playground until Jesus reached out with his mercy and grace and changed him.... After the event a police rep (in a position of authority) came up to Bobby and asked for prayer. What a moment! Heads bowed. Ex-con and drug dealer praying for a man with prominence in the police force!. How God can turn things full-circle.

Jen, Ash and Leonie came and supported us with their early morning presence, (we had to be there at 6:15 am to set up the table etc). We had a beautiful breakfast and were honoured to be a part of it. FOM raised just over \$3900 in one morning as a result of this event. Praise God.



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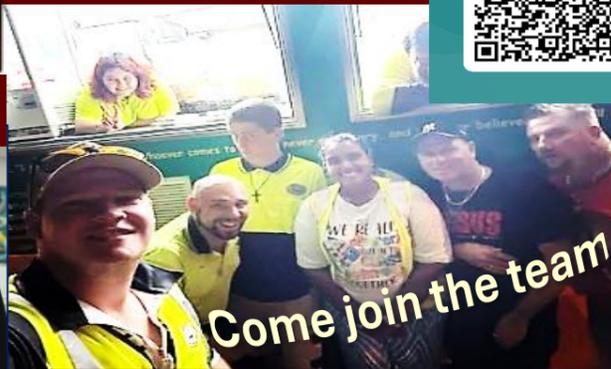
STREET VAN TEAM NIGHT

ST VAN TEAM MEETING: Just recently our 3 teams, (The City Run, Logan Run and Kids Run) got together for a team night, pot luck dinner. We had an awesome time getting to know each other, sharing testimonies, (all the team leaders had a time to share), worshipping and encouraging one another. There were at least 12-15 Churches represented amongst our volunteers. What a blessing when the body of Christ works together in unity – it commands a blessing – life forevermore, and is a testimony of His faithfulness, "By this will all men know that you are my disciples – if you have love, one for another"

The week prior to this meeting we had the privilege of being witnesses as one of our volunteers – Suranya was baptised. Suranya's story is especially amazing, as when she first came to volunteer with us, (prompted and encouraged by Teague), Suranya was a practicing Hindu. We were so blessed to watch her transformation and blessed to witness her affirmation of her Christian faith as she went through the waters of baptism.



Packaging the food to go out onto the streets



Come join the team



Virginia

Trish

Fishers of Men has a huge team and variety of volunteers. Meet the lovely Trish – with a huge heart for God, and an amazing gift of connecting and motivating people. Trish lives down the road in a Christian retirement village and has encouraged quite a few to get involved with the ministry. Virginia, an amazingly organized lady has been a huge asset to the ministry. The two come most Tuesdays – often with others and they get into the garage sorting donations, and tidying up the ever-growing mountain of women's clothes that seem to pile up. It's because of people like this that we can continue to function like we do. Our outreach teams take out on the streets, bags of donated warm clothes and blankets that Virginia, Trish and fiends have sorted. Many are made warm. Thank you!

Becoming a volunteer in a Christ-centred charity is more than just cooking or handing out a meal - it's an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs Him. Poverty, isolation, and hardship are becoming more commonplace. People need hope in a world that sometimes seems hopeless. Volunteering means you can help bring light into dark situations, offering support, community, and tangible relief to those who are in need. We have opportunities to serve meals, lend a listening ear, provide essential resources, and pray for people. All this activity has the potential to transform lives - including your own. Becoming involved connects you to a community united by Christ, regardless of denomination, who are dedicated to serving Him: love in action. We know Christ can use our smallest efforts, regardless of our skill or background as we trust in Him. Fishers of Men provides back up, training, and fellowship for those just beginning their outreach journey in a caring environment. If you've ever wanted to make a difference, but haven't known how to do that, - come and be a part of something bigger— We are serving Christ among the poor, the lonely, and those in need, and would love to invite you to join the team!

To express your interest, go to: ➔

Scan the QR code here to volunteer



HOLD ON ...WOAH BOY. FURNITURE MINISTRY

We are struggling. To give you an idea. This week, we received 320 calls (in one week) for assistance with furniture, (either giving or receiving). Our most available truck driver has a broken arm, so that leaves the ute and trailer. Meaning ... out of our 320 calls we were able to assist only 12 people which left 308 calls not done. Add all the weeks together, and you can see we are physically unable to meet the demand. It's frustrating when we get callers upset because we haven't been able to meet their need, or pick up their furniture within their required deadline, it's hard to imagine the immense number of calls we are receiving. We still see amazing stories of hope, breakthrough and gratitude, when people who are genuinely in need receive the support so desperately needed to set up house for them and their children. But then... you see the ones who receive items, but while they're at it, they've just cooked up a batch of meth, or are smoking a bong and decide to offer it to our guys as some kind of payment for a job well done. Hence, you can see the need for mature mentor types to drive the truck and look after their fellow team mates. Probably not selling this very well, but Give us a call if you have an MR license and think you could handle serving the Lord in this capacity! (see QR code). Also, come to think of it... We really need more male mature Christian believers capable of mentoring an individual from the discipleship houses. This commitment involves meeting with a mentee at least once every 2 weeks, and calling alternative weeks. Please contact if you are interested in this aspect of ministry also.

KID'S RUN

Meet our team. These lovelies... mature believers with blue cards take turns to do the "Kids Run" once a month, supporting families with children suffering from food insecurity. We want to say thank you to Neal and De, Stuart, Lachlan & Sam for their effort & service, and welcome Gary and Mimmi to the team, (from Gateway Baptist). Each family on the list receives frozen meals, bread, fruit, a small food parcel, and encouragement. Our hope is to support these mostly single parent families as they raise their kids and let them know that not only do we care, but Christ cares, sees and knows what they are going through. That He is there for them and they can call of Him when in need. Our team are looking for ways to support in whatever way is necessary, with families also receiving furniture relief, or assistance with finding and going to a Church in their local area.



Bob & George "keeper of the roster"



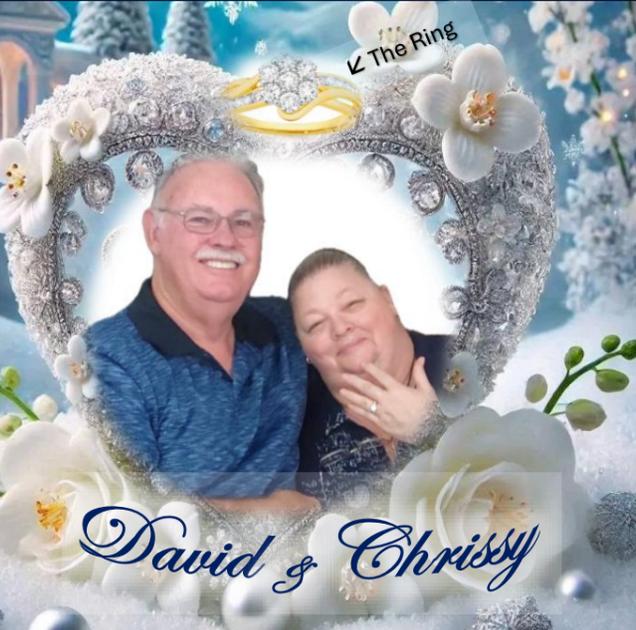
Bob & Jan



Brian & Debbie



On May 13th, 2025, Bobby and I had the privilege of celebrating with Chrissy and David at their engagement party. It was a blessing to see how God's hand has arranged their relationship, His presence was amongst us at their party, and their love for each other is a God given gift. Wedding coming up! ... The 8th of the 8th



David & Chrissy

Hi guys. Surprise!!!! Guess who's getting married August 2025!? David organised for us to meet in a Beenleigh coffee shop called "Luv-a-Coffee" where we first met. Then, he proposed! What a miracle, for God to work in our lives in this way, it is astounding. God is so good to us. This photo on the left is the actual photo of the moment David proposed & I said YES!