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Partnership delivering safer, stronger support for vulnerable Tasmanians

Two newly wrapped op-shop trucks are now on the road across Southern Tasmania, marking a milestone in the second year of a three-year partnership between TasNetworks and Hobart City Mission.

TasNetworks has funded wrapping of Hobart City Mission's newest retail delivery and pickup trucks, supporting efforts to collect and redistribute donated goods across Southern Tasmania.

The existing three-year partnership is funding critical security upgrades at client-facing sites across Southern Tasmania, helping ensure people seeking support can do so in safe, welcoming environments.

TasNetworks incoming Interim CEO, Renée Anderson, said the partnership reflects the organisation's long-standing commitment to supporting local communities.

"We're proud to stand alongside Hobart City Mission in delivering practical, on-the-ground support for Tasmanians who need it most," Ms Anderson said.

"At TasNetworks, we believe building a strong, resilient energy network goes hand in hand with building strong, resilient communities."

TasNetworks has supported Hobart City Mission for many years through employee volunteering and fundraising initiatives, including participation in the annual Sleep Rough event.

Over the past four years, TasNetworks employees and initiatives have raised more than \$49,056 to help combat homelessness in Southern Tasmania. This contribution has supported:

- 721 nights of safe, stable accommodation for people experiencing long-term homelessness
- 301 one-on-one financial support appointments for individuals and families in crisis
- 44 days of safe accommodation for 20 families at risk of homelessness

Harvey Lennon, Hobart City Mission CEO, said the partnership is already making a tangible difference.

“The financial support from TasNetworks for critical operational services allows us to direct more of our own funds where they matter most, supporting people in Southern Tasmania who need it,” Mr Lennon said.

The three-year partnership represents a shared commitment to strengthening community wellbeing and delivering long-term, meaningful impact for Tasmanians.

“Partnerships like this strengthen every part of our organisation. They are a reminder that there are many ways our partners can support us, and each one plays an important role in helping us deliver better outcomes for our community,” Mr Lennon said.

TasNetworks will continue its support through participation in Hobart City Mission’s upcoming Sleep Rough event, taking place on Friday, 8 May 2026.

About Sleep Rough

Finding a home in Tasmania is really tough right now. Sadly, there are over 5,000 families waiting for a place to live, while experiencing homelessness in some form.

Over the last four years, Tasmanians have raised more than \$790,000 to fight homelessness by taking part in Hobart City Mission’s Sleep Rough event.

Sleep Rough will be held on Friday 8 May at PW1 in Salamanca. Hobart City Mission encourages individuals, groups and schools to register to raise funds for this important cause.

For more information, visit www.sleeprough.com.au.

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