



Welcome to the November edition of our [building hope](#) newsletter.

What a significant milestone we've reached! The build at Crib Point is now complete, and we recently gathered to celebrate with a beautiful house dedication ceremony. It was wonderful to connect with everyone present as we witnessed our vision come to fruition, a family having a safe and affordable home. You can read more about this special moment below.

We are pleased to share our Annual Report with you in this edition as it has been a year of change and impact. We are grateful to reflect on how your support has helped us build homes, communities, and hope across Victoria.

I'd like to acknowledge and honour Anthony Lennon, who is stepping down as Board Chair but will continue as a Board member and bring his wisdom and experience in property development. The Board will appoint a new Chairperson in December and we look forward to announcing this appointment soon.

As we move toward the end of the year, we're so grateful for this community of supporters, volunteers, partners, donors and advocates. Thank you for being part of Habitat for Humanity Victoria.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our [building hope](#) newsletter.

Warm regards,



Justin Simpson
CEO



The Habitat community came together in celebration as Emily* received the keys to her new home at a recent House Dedication ceremony. These keys represent far more than entry to a house, they open the door to stability, safety, and a fresh start.

Built with care and compassion by Habitat for Humanity Victoria's dedicated supporters, donors, partners and volunteers, Emily's home marks a significant milestone being the final house build completed as part of this project.

This project has seen multiple families move into safe, affordable homes; each one built through the collective effort and generosity of our incredible community. With thousands of hours given by our local Rosebud ReStore volunteers and partnerships with like-minded brands such as Dulux, Selleys and Hilti, this home already houses tales of unity, generosity and community.

Emily's home stands as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared vision: to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for families who have faced adversity.

The day was filled with heartfelt moments, happy tears, bright smiles, warm hospitality, and a deep sense of community spirit. Hope filled the air as those who contributed to this build saw first hand the lasting impact of their generosity and hard work.

Habitat for Humanity Victoria extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this life-changing occasion possible. Together, we are building not just houses, but hope, one courageous family at a time.

*Name changed for safety.

[House Dedication Photo Gallery](#)

annual report release

We're taking a moment to look back on the highlights that shaped our year. The Annual Report, including our audited financials, is a digital recap which celebrates the milestones, stories, and impact we've achieved together.

[Read the Annual Report](#)



As economic pressures mount for families across Victoria, our Brush with Kindness program continues to bring hope in action by partnering with housing organisations to ensure people have access to safe, decent shelter.

Since September, 128 volunteers from 11 corporate teams have transformed properties for 4 housing providers, with October seeing a remarkable 7 teams in action. Some buildings required up to 5 team days to complete, creating a real sense of accomplishment when finished. One volunteer captured the spirit perfectly, sharing how rewarding it felt to step away from the office, work alongside teammates, and give back to the community.

The impact resonates beyond fresh paint. St Kilda Community Housing's CEO noted the exceptional standard of our work means saved funds can be redirected to essentials like heating. They tell us the bright Whisper White paint throughout their rooming houses has lifted residents' spirits considerably.

We're deeply grateful to Dulux for providing 155 litres of paint and to Selleys for their continued support with filling and cleaning products. Thank you to every corporate partner who invests their time and to our dedicated Habitat volunteers who return time and time again. We're particularly thrilled to support smaller organisations like Benwerren who give so much to women and families experiencing adversity.

While November through January typically sees quieter booking periods, we're eager to grow the program to 10 corporate volunteer days annually in Victoria. Please help spread the word in your workplace and network about this meaningful team-building opportunity.

We also host Community BWK Days throughout the year with community volunteers and these events depend on donor generosity to cover the day. If you'd like to support a Community BWK Day, we'd love to connect.

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Donate to a BWK Community Day](#)



As economic pressures mount, more Victorian families are turning to op-shops to make Christmas possible. The clothing item that sparks joy. The homewares that brighten a home. The book that inspires. Your pre-loved items could become someone's perfect gift this season.

Our Kilsyth and Rosebud ReStore locations need quality donations now. Clothes, books, homewares and furniture, every item helps families afford meaningful gifts while supporting affordable home ownership across Victoria.

Visit us today or contact us to arrange pickup for larger items. Let's ensure every family experiences the joy of giving this Christmas.

Your support makes stories like those in this newsletter possible. [Donate today](#) to help more Victorian families access decent, safe, affordable housing. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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