



Pyrmont Cares Inc.

Recycling furniture and whitegoods to those who need them the most in the inner city
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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

Dear volunteers and supporters, we've had a busy start to 2025, getting used to our new truck, welcoming new volunteers, navigating the grant application process and working with our partners to provide the best possible service to our clients. We have found that the need for our work is greater than ever as more people face hardship and housing issues. So far we have made nearly 80 deliveries. As well as over 110 collection pick ups, we've received some great donations from the strong alliances we have built with businesses. Read on for news of all that's been happening.

Paul Parker, President

GRANTS

Pyrmont Cares is delighted to have been successful in obtaining two grants since the start of 2025. We rely heavily on our Sponsors to ensure our day-to-day operations continue. Additional funds obtained through grants or one-off donations allow us to improve our operations.

One grant, through the office of Tanya Plibersek MP, Federal Member for Sydney, will help us to pay for our increasing insurance and technology costs.

The second grant, through Street Smart, a not-for-profit which backs small, frontline, grassroots organisations, that tirelessly support people facing homelessness, will enable us to provide some items in high demand but not readily available through donations <https://streetsmartaustralia.org/>

We are indebted to our Sponsors without whom we could not continue to support people into housing, Raine & Horne Pyrmont, Christmas in Pyrmont, Bendigo Bank, Pride Electrical, Main on Constructions and John Holland CBP Contractors Ghella JV.

REMEMBER PYRMONT CARES AS YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL GIVING INTENTIONS. YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION

AT <https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/pcigiving> or use this QR Code



OUR NEW TRUCK



Financial donations have enabled us to purchase a new truck. We are particularly grateful to John Holland, Bendigo Bank and Lend Lease for providing us with funds to make this happen. While our old truck had served us well there were a number of issues which we needed to address including restrictions in the height of the back opening, deterioration of the internal flooring and clutter in the crowded cab.

Now after having the new truck for a while, we can quantify the benefits of this financial support

- The truck being a new model its motor is more efficient thus saving fuel.
- By now having barn doors on the back, we have reduced the potential for an accident as now all fridges that are loaded or unloaded are simply rolled across the floor on to the hoist.
- The new truck floor is a non-slip water- and oil-resistant plywood that is flush with the hoist thus eliminating any form of lip.
- The body of the truck is approx. 300mm longer than before and believe it or not that 300mm is a huge bonus.
- And finally, we have an external toolbox mounted in front of the rear wheels. The box holds the hoist controller, first aid kit and some small tools. This might sound a little strange as a great contribution but as we always have three people in the cab for pickups or deliveries, we have eliminated a trip or fall issue that was previously created having the gear in the truck on the floor.

SAFETY CORNER

Safety is important to us. Over recent months Paul Limmer (Committee Member) has conducted Safety Briefings for all of our truck crew. It has taken up hours of his time and we are very grateful.

Overall, our volunteers are a lot safer now.

Safety Tip from Paul:

The combination lock for the rear barn doors must be applied to the Left Hand Side (passengers side) door as this locks both doors because of the overlap. If applied to the Right Hand Side (drivers side) this only locks the RHS not both doors.

A DAY AT THE RACES

18 Pyrmont Cares volunteers and supporters took advantage of The Star Sydney invitation to the Randwick races on 24 May. They reported having a great day, great weather, great food, great box seats and even a waiter.

Thank you to The Star Sydney for this generous acknowledgement of our volunteers.



ALLIANCES THAT SUPPORT US

Not all the support that we receive is financial, a number of organisations provide us with valued items that directly benefit our clients. Here we introduce a few:

Sleep Safe, a Street Smart initiative regularly supplies us with brand new single and double sheet sets and new towels, all from Sheridan.

The team at John Holland CBP Contractors Ghella JV regularly take time out to purchase and sometimes, construct small flat-pack furniture items such as coffee tables, dining tables and bedside tables and deliver them to our storage facility in Leichhardt.



A generous donation from a homewares company provided a wealth of new cushions which take our delivery of a lounge to the next level to create a comfy, attractive home.



WORDS OF THANKS

It is always nice to be appreciated and to have the work that we do for the community and individuals affirmed. We'd like to share some of the recent messages from our clients.

From a case manager at one of the charities that we support:

Thank you. Can I say, I had morning tea with A today, and she was still full of praise and appreciation for the fridge PC got for her. Very happy customer there!

From one of our truck crew:

I delivered a microwave to a lady in Ultimo back in early March. She was very grateful as she had very recently had surgery and was finding it hard to bend down to her oven. The microwave was new and fitted perfectly into the space in her kitchen.

She gave me a box of Roses chocolates to thank us for our work, which was shared at the depot.

From another Case Manager:

Just reaching out on behalf of R, as they wanted to say thank you so much for their furniture. They described the couch as 'amazing'.

VOLUNTEERS

We cannot operate without many hours of volunteer time each month. We always need and welcome new volunteers and so far in 2025 we have welcomed 9 new active volunteers. They have taken up roles on the truck crew and in Operations. They join a team of over 50 dedicated volunteers who we take this opportunity to thank. We can always use more help so if you know of someone suitable to join our team please encourage them. They can fill in a form on the VOLUNTEER tab of our website <https://www.pyrmontcares.org.au/volunteer>



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