

RBCARES NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

IMPROVING THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE PRACTICAL SUPPORT, CONNECTION & HOPE

RBCares is a registered charity established by Rowville Baptist Church in 2009 to deliver a range of community support programs to local people. Over the years these initiatives have comprised professional counselling and numerous food related programs, including Food with Friends, "The Well" emergency food relief, Christmas lunches and more

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

THE WELL - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our wonderful volunteers packed 60 hampers for our grateful clients who we hope will have a very merry Christmas. Thanks to all the generous church family who donated items and have supported The Well throughout the year. The program is now closed until early February and the volunteers are all having a well-earned rest



GET KITTED OUT WITH THREAD TOGETHER....

We are excited to be starting a new partnership with Thread Together. They provide brand new clothes to not-for-profit organisations, which have been donated by well-known shops and fashion labels. Their goal is to stop the needless mountain of quality clothing going into landfill and to redirect it to the people who need it. We are also hoping to extend this opportunity to local community groups, such as Foster Care and Family Violence organisations. Watch out for their mobile wardrobe in the new year which will be coming to RBCares on a quarterly basis



MINISTRY NEEDS

In 2026 The Well is in need of volunteers to bag bread on a Sunday evening. This is all generously donated by Baker's Delight, Wellington village and needs to be placed in bags ready for The Well on Tuesday. If you have an hour to spare, and would like to join the roster, please speak to any of the RBCares team.

If you are planning on going to the January sales, then would you please consider picking up a pack of Christmas napkins, bon bons or small Xmas cards which can be put away until next year. This will reduce the need for church donations and be a great money saver if we can buy them at sale prices. Donations can be placed in the red bin in the seminar room at any time

THE WELL – FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM

Our team of dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring a smile to the faces of the clients and provide a warm and inviting space where they can collect groceries and share morning tea and a chat. Thanks to Ruth and the team for their endless hard-work and unlimited patience in dealing with every situation with kindness and grace. We are grateful for each and every one of you!



BOARD GAME BONANZA

This continues to be a calendar highlight, and we look forward to repeating the fun in 2026! The last event saw nearly 80 people enjoying playing some new games and re-discovering old favourites. Thanks to Sean and the team for their hard work in making this such a great addition to the RBCares programs



KIDS HOPE

We are hoping to join other local churches in planning a food-related program to start at the school in 2026. Thanks to all the mentors who have given their time and dedication to supporting these kids. If you have a passion to positively impact the life of a child and want to know more about this program please speak to Pastor Sean



WHAT'S ON AT RBCARES?

All programs are in recess for the summer break - see you all again in 2026!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Donate

Donations can be made as a single gift or a regular direct deposit to:
Rowville Baptist Cares Inc
◇ BSB: 633 000
◇ Account: 1381 25703

Volunteer

Become a regular volunteer at The Well on a Tuesday morning or offer your support during specific one-off events. Speak to Kate or Karen to find out how you can get involved

Pray

Pray for all the programs and volunteers as we seek to discern God's plan for RBCares and connect with people in our local community

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE RBCARES PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT:

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