



Community Christmas Lunch

2025 Report



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In 2025, CatholicCare Tasmania proudly took the reins of the Community Christmas Lunch held in Hobart. This cherished annual event is brought to life through the combined efforts of our CatholicCare Tasmania team, local businesses, sponsors, and an incredible community of volunteers.

For more than forty years, the Hobart Community Christmas Lunch has provided a safe, welcoming space for Tasmanians. What began as a modest gathering has grown into a much-loved tradition, uniting hundreds of people and helping to ease the financial burden and effects of social isolation during the festive season.

We are honoured to stand alongside dedicated individuals, organisations, and local businesses to offer support, companionship, and care to those who need it most. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helps us ensure there is always a warm and welcoming place at the table for those who might otherwise spend Christmas alone.

'As the new custodians of the Community Christmas Lunch, we were delighted to host the 2025 event. This gathering reflects our mission to uplift and strengthen communities, offering a moment of shared joy, compassion, and connection for those who may be experiencing life's challenges, social isolation or simply wishing to come together with others.

The lunch became a vibrant celebration of community spirit, made possible through the partnership of Flint Kitchen, In The Hanging Garden, our generous sponsors, volunteers, donors, local businesses, grant providers, and the dedicated CatholicCare Tasmania team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Hobart community for once again embracing and supporting this year's Community Christmas Lunch.'

Julia Mangan
CEO
CatholicCare Tasmania





Snapshot



80+ Volunteers contributed their time on Christmas Day



550+ traditional Christmas lunches prepared and served to guests.



\$15,000+ worth of donations in total from local businesses, grants and donors.



60+ volunteers from local organisations attended our Corporate Gift Wrapping Day



25+ local organisations provided support with goods, products, time and resources to help make the Community Christmas Lunch possible



Sponsors



Our Corporate Sponsors play an essential role in sustaining our lunch service by contributing food, goods, financial support and venue spaces. We are especially grateful for the partnership with FLINT Kitchen and In The Hanging Garden, whose generous catering, venue provision and hands-on support in the lead-up to the event were invaluable.

Every contribution – large or small – helps create a meaningful experience for our guests, and we deeply appreciate the commitment of every sponsor who makes this event possible.

Our sponsors make invaluable contributions, including:

- Provision of venue spaces
- Catering services
- Christmas food items
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Product giveaways
- Access to facilities
- Financial support

25+ local organisations provided support with – goods, products, time and resources to help make the Community Christmas Lunch possible



Volunteers



Volunteers from across the community play an essential role in bringing this event to life. In the week leading up to Christmas, our Corporate Gift Wrapping Day brought together 60+ local business volunteers to wrap gifts and add the final touches. Behind the scenes, teams help prepare the venue on the day – setting tables, organising activity/giveaway tables, readying drink stations, and preparing Santa’s stage and gifts to ensure a smooth service on the day.

On Christmas Day, volunteers welcomed guests, served meals and drinks and helped create a warm, festive atmosphere – alongside Santa and our hardworking kitchen crews. After the lunch, the team came together to restore the venue with care.

Our volunteers contribute in many meaningful ways, including:

- Gift wrapping
- Venue setup
- Food preparation and service
- Cleaning and pack-down
- Providing companionship
- Giving their time on Christmas Day



80+ Volunteers helped on Christmas Day to deliver lunch to 550+ people.





Donors



Generous Tasmanians helped make this event truly special by donating gifts and supporting our 'Buy a Plate' campaign. We offered multiple ways to give, with donations received via QR code, social media channels, in-person, and through our website.

Thanks to this community spirit, all guests enjoyed a festive lunch with dessert, every child received a present from Santa, while each teenager and adult received a gift card. Local businesses also play an important role by donating food items and goods for distribution on the day.

These contributions enable us to provide:

- Gifts for children
- Gift cards for teenagers and adults
- Product giveaways
- A hot, festive meal for all guests



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Guests



Christmas is a joyful and meaningful time of year, yet it can also bring added financial strain and feelings of isolation for many individuals and families. The Community Christmas Lunch exists to ease those pressures by offering a warm, welcoming space where everyone can come together, share a meal, and experience the true spirit of the season.

In 2025, we were proud to serve **550+ lunches**, distributed **350+ gifts to children**, and provide **415 gift cards to teens and adults**. The event was filled with a remarkable sense of connection, generosity, and community spirit, an uplifting reminder of what can be achieved when people come together in support of one another.



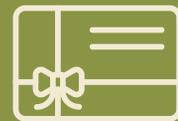
550+

Lunches Provided



350+

Presents Gifted



400+

Gift Cards Distributed



“Thank you very much CatholicCare for the foods and present, thank you very very much. Our Christmas Day is so fun and wonderful, we really feel the Christmas Day. Thank you because my little bub is so happy. Thank you for the volunteer people, they are so kind and very helpful. Thank you very very much”
– 2025 guest



Thank you to our Sponsors

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