

A Home for Every Neighbour



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Overview

A Home for Every Neighbour is a 150-day advocacy campaign responding to Australia's **housing and homelessness crisis**. Grounded in **dignity, solidarity, and the common good**, the campaign will combine faith-based action with public advocacy to **mobilise** communities, **influence** decision-makers, and secure **lasting commitments** for housing justice.

The Campaign will be launched on **18 March, 2026** and conclude 150 days later, celebrating commitments made and renewing resolve for long-term change.

Structured around five intentional stages – **Awareness, Education, Relationship, Action & Commitment** – the campaign will work to build momentum steadily, ensuring participation deepens overtime and results are concrete, measurable and enduring.

Campaign Goals

- 1. Shift public narrative:** Housing as a human right, not a commodity alone.
- 2. Build informed communities** capable of advocating effectively.
- 3. Strengthen relationships** between communities, people with lived experience, and decision-makers.
- 4. Demand concrete policy actions** from Government for public and affordable housing, and allied tax reform.
- 5. Secure lasting commitments** that outlive the campaign.

Disturbing Realities

In the past fifty years, Australia has **moved** from a society where housing was seen as a **universal right**, to one where it is now predominantly viewed as a **safety net** for those most in need.

Rising homelessness across Australia includes families, an increasing number of women over 55, and young people.



1 IN 7 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE OVER 55

17,600+

CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 12 ARE HOMELESS

6%

OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS SLEEP ON THE STREETS

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics - 2021 Census

Homelessness is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals.

Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change that ensures everyone has a place to call home.

Campaign Stages

Opening Ceremony Vigil of St Joseph 18 March 2026

Stage 1: Awareness

Days 1 – 30

Theme: *Seeing the Neighbour Without a Home.*

Purpose: To awaken moral urgency, visibility, and compassion around housing and homelessness.

Key Message: Everyone deserves a safe, stable home. **Shelter is a basic human right.** Housing is foundational to dignity.

Stage 2: Education

Days 31 – 60

Theme: *Understanding the Crisis and the Solutions.*

Purpose: To equip participants with knowledge, language, and confidence to advocate.

Key Message: This crisis can be solvable when **systems change and communities act.**

Stage 3: Relationships

Days 61 – 100

Theme: *Walking Together.*

Purpose: To build trust, solidarity, and influence through **authentic** relationships.

Key Message: Change happens when we **listen deeply** and **act together.**

Stage 4: Action

Days 101 – 130

Theme: *Turning Faith into Action.*

Purpose: To apply pressure and visibility through coordinated action.

Key Message: Bold, Compassionate Housing Solutions – **NOW.**

Stage 5: Commitment

Days 131 – 150

Theme: *Building What Lasts.*

Purpose: To secure **commitments** and embed ongoing advocacy **beyond** the campaign.

Key Message: Our commitment to housing justice does not end – it **deepens.**

Closing Ceremony Social Justice Sunday 30 August 2026