

A Home for Every Neighbour



## 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**

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