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Get '*On Yer Feet*' to help homeless people this winter

Wesley Mission Melbourne is urging Melburnians to donate a new pair of winter socks in August to help people experiencing homelessness keep warm.

Linda McKay, Manager Wesley Homelessness Services, said a huge increase in demand for socks, as a result of Melbourne's unusually cold winter, prompted the '*On Yer Feet*' campaign.

"It may seem strange that such a simple item is in such high demand, but having warm feet can make a huge difference to the quality of life of a person who is sleeping rough," she said.

"We provide a range of services to help the people that come to us, such as a hot shower, a meal, a place to socialise and other useful items such as phone cards. But, at the moment we are unable to meet the demand for winter socks.

"It doesn't take much to make a big difference," said Linda.

Wesley will launch '*On Yer Feet*' with a pancake breakfast in Croydon on August 10. The breakfast is timed to coincide with 'National Homeless Person's Week,' which runs from 6 to 12 August.

Pancakes can be purchased at the breakfast in exchange for a new pair of winter socks or a gold coin donation. All money raised will be used to buy winter socks for the program.

Donations of new winter socks can be dropped off to:

- Wesley Mission Melbourne, 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, or
- Wesley Homelessness and Support Services, 291A Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood.

For more information visit: www.wesley.org.au

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About Wesley Mission Melbourne

Wesley Mission Melbourne provides services for people who are at risk of homelessness, people with disabilities, youth and families in crisis and older people. A community service organisation of the Uniting Church, Wesley advocates for better community and government responses to situations of need, and seeks to educate the wider public to change underlying attitudes and values about disadvantaged people.