

## HOTHAM MISSION AT WORK: October 2020

Hotham Mission has developed quite a public profile recently.

Neysa, our Youth Programs Coordinator, wrote an article for the Spring edition of the North and West Melbourne News. In the article, Neysa describes how the Homework Club has adapted to providing the important homework club activities in the Covid environment. This has meant moving to online learning and the provision of care package activities to the students' homes. The Homework Club program provides both academic support and, importantly, emotional support in a safe space.

If you would like to see the full article, then just go to the North and West Melbourne News link on the Centre's website. [<http://www.centre.org.au/nwm/>]\*

Hotham Mission also featured in the Herald Sun on Wednesday 21 October\*, as part of an article about donations from Feed Appeal that provides funds to support food relief organisations. Hotham Mission received a grant from Feed Appeal, which has enabled the purchase of food items for the weekly food bags provided to those in need in our community. In recent weeks Hotham Mission has provided 140 food bags each week, as well as at least 100 pre-prepared meals (donated by RACV). With students returning to schools this week, we are again providing food vouchers to enable students in need to purchase healthy food options for lunch at school.



Joey Rebakis and Neysa Charlton with Hotham Mission food packs. Picture: IAN CURRIE

The creation of a "spoonville" in the middle of Elm Street is another way Hotham Mission is reaching out to the local community. Spoonville is our 'iso project' allowing young people and their families to engage with their community whilst under lockdown.



\*These articles can also be accessed from the Hotham Mission website and facebook page.

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