



Global Giving Project Report – May 2024

Winter Warmer Homelessness Relief

Dharma Care is an Australian charity committed to creating life-changing opportunities for the destitute and disadvantaged. Our mission is to facilitate lasting change, creating a ripple effect that benefits future generations.

Winter Warmer Homeless Relief Campaign 2023 raised \$56,944 and was an exceptional success. Working with our local partners, **You Have A Friend, Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre, Fred's Place – Vinnies, and Murwillumbah Community Centre**, to ensure the resources have gone to where they are most needed across the Tweed region.

In 2023, we provided warmth and nourishment to over 920 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness across Tweed Shire - supporting

people sleeping rough by providing new blankets, sleeping bags, tents, clothing, food and hygiene packs.



Winter Warmer - Fundraising Cabaret

Hosted at the Kingscliff Bowls Club, overlooking the ocean, the 2023 event provided the perfect backdrop for attendees to embrace the spirit of giving during the winter season.

The sold-out Fundraising Cabaret generated \$13,184 in income, donations, silent auctions, art sales, and raffle towards the total of \$56,944 that was raised.

Performers included **Mandy Nolan** (MC), **The Space Cowboy** (performance artist), **Felicity Lawless and MsEleneous** (musicians).

Guest speakers **David Holmes** (Vinnies/ Fred Place)

John Lee (You Have a Friend)

Lara Lei (Murwillumbah Community Centre)

Letechia Lucas (Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre).

<https://dharmacare.org.au/winter-warmer-update-september-2023/>



"We have been delighted with the response and the support from everyone who donated their time, expertise or money to this cause. It once again shows what a caring community we are and that anything is possible when we work together."

Irwan Wyllie, CEO of Dharma Care.

Stories from our Partners



Some lovely stories of success and transition are shared.

[Pottsville Beach Neighbour Centre](https://youtu.be/R0VGKVJUIUQ?feature=shared) -

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[Fred's Place Interview](https://youtu.be/bCP5K85r3OE?feature=shared) - <https://youtu.be/bCP5K85r3OE?feature=shared>

Angela Maxwell and Letechia Lucas from **Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre (PBNC)** talk about the partnership and how Dharma Care's annual Winter Warmer fundraiser made a huge difference.

Dharma Care's vouchers increase PBNC's ability to reach and help more people. It means the world to recipients and removes the immediate stresses

of their situation through enabling them to purchase the material aid they need.

David Holmes and Darren Williams from key local homelessness services partner – **Fred's Place / Vinnies** talk about how our recent fundraising has helped them support people in the local region.



Winter Warmer – 2nd Edition 2024

Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a difference and helps us create a lasting impact in our community. Your continued support is invaluable, and together, we can bring about lasting change. Individuals and families, including some who have jobs, are sleeping in their cars, in tents, and on the streets and don't have enough to eat. Help us provide food, warmth and hope. Thank you for your generosity, enthusiasm, and belief in the power of community. Let's

keep the momentum going and make a real difference together as we plan for the Winter Warmer 2024 edition.