



Beyond Mission

It began in 1972, when Brother Hannick OMI with the support of the parish priest, Father McCann OMI, started the first soup kitchen in the parish hall of St Patrick's. But less than 10 years later we became more than a soup kitchen.

In 1980 we expanded our services to include a more complete meal service, washing facilities, a library and recreation area. We became known as Saint Patrick's Care Centre. Two years later, because of unmet needs among our clients, we established our counselling, information, referrals and advocacy services.

By 1989 Hannick House was opened in Fremantle, allowing us to accommodate homeless men and provide them with formal therapeutic counselling. A couple of years later we expanded our variety of support services to homeless people in the South West Metro region. In the following years we added a property in Beaconsfield and expanded the services

the Parry Street Centre, including the introduction of a 'Hands on Health' service. Park House and Ellen Street Lodging houses in Fremantle and Dorothy Street in East Fremantle soon followed, allowing us to accommodate sixty three men.

In 2001 Jubilee housing, two two-bedroom duplexes in Hamilton Hill, was commissioned to provide special purpose accommodation for men leaving Hannick House seeking to gain independent living skills. That same year "St Patrick's Care Centre" became St Patrick's Community Support Centre to accurately reflect the work that we were providing at the Centre.

Today, in 2010, St Patrick's Community Support Centre provides a wide range of services in 9 facilities, supporting more than 20,000 people per year. The great work of our staff of 45 people and 85 volunteers makes this all possible as well as the support of our local community and our federal, state and local governments.



IN BRIEF



Supported by a team of dedicated volunteers and staff, St. Patrick's Community Support Centre is open every day of the year and offers a range of services to the homeless and disadvantaged in the Fremantle Community. These services include:

- A Drop In Centre
- Social Services
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Hands on Health
- Educational & Social Activities



DEFINITION

Advocacy

Advocacy means speaking up for someone who finds it hard for some reason to speak for themselves. For example, we might advocate for the rights of refugees, because they cannot speak freely for themselves. At St Patrick's, the Oblates speak up for the men who need a hand.



St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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FURTHER
INFORMATION**

www.stpats.com.au

ACTIVITIES

- 1 List the services offered by the St Patrick's Support Centre.
- 2 The Oblates are committed to working with the most abandoned people in society. Explain why homeless men might fit in this category.
- 3 In 2001, the centre changed its name from St Patrick's Care centre to St Patrick's Support Centre. Explain why the change of name is significant.
- 4 Visit St Patrick's Care Centre online Video Library.