

## How the beat began....

On 18 April 1996, Launceston City Mission was pleased to have the Honourable John Beswick, Minister for Police, officially launch the Missionbeat Service. The purchase of the van was made possible by the generous sponsorship by the Trust Bank Foundation of \$15,000, supported by Ansvor Insurance's sponsorship of \$2,000.

Since its launch, Missionbeat has provided a valuable service to intoxicated, injured, distressed or endangered people on the streets of Launceston during the night hours of Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Our workers liaise with Police when necessary and offer free transport to a safe environment for clients, being either their home or our Crisis and Sobering-up Unit.

The current Missionbeat vehicle was commissioned in March 2003. The van was funded by the Estate of the late Winifred Booth.



**Missionbeat and Youth Outreach  
is a service provided to the  
community by:**

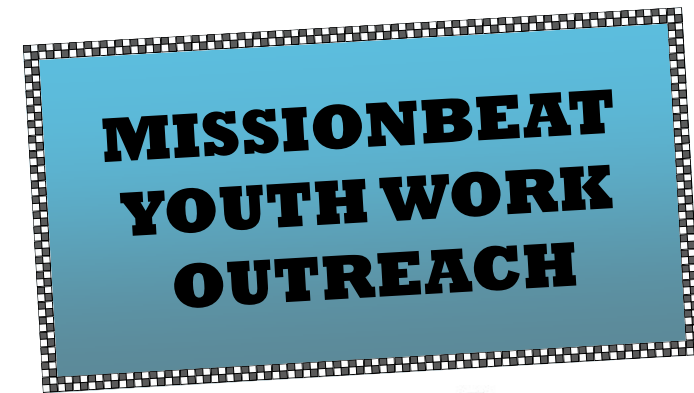


***“Caring and sharing  
in Jesus’ name”***

Other services offered by Launceston City Mission are:

- Crisis and emergency accommodation.
- Meals and activities at Morton's Place.
- Emergency food and materials relief.
- Drug and alcohol recovery at Missiondale.
- Children's Playhouse in Ravenswood, offering child care and support to families in the area.
- Club Monday - fellowship groups.
- Visitation and support of prisoners and their families.
- Outreach to the young and the lonely.
- Rainbows - Children's grief counselling.
- Retail bargain stores selling preloved clothes, furniture and bric-a-brac.

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## MISSIONBEAT

Each Friday night a team of volunteers take The Mission Outreach Van and Mobile Kitchen trailer out into the Launceston Mall between 10:00pm and 2:00am. Coffee, soup and biscuits are served to the people we meet, who are often in need of a friendly chat or just a listening ear.

Our teams meet many new people from all walks of life, and are often able to have good input into their lives.

We always need new volunteers to join these teams.



## YOUTH WORK

The City Mission's youth worker is part of the Family Services team and provides one-on-one mentoring to youth, offering practical ongoing support in

- education,
- work,
- family,
- leisure, and
- volunteering interests



This provides a co-ordinated approach to assisting the candidates to achieve their goals and meet their needs.

## OUTREACH WORK

The City Mission Outreach van goes to:

- **Ravenswood:** Mondays
- **Rocherlea:** Alternate Wednesdays
- **Waverley:** Alternate Wednesdays
- **Mayfield:** 1st and 3rd Thursday
- **Dover Street:** Alternate Friday
- **Skate Park:** Alternate Friday

The team conducts after school barbeques from 3:00pm - 4:15pm in these areas and provides free hot and cold drinks.

They also participate in community events and work closely with other organisations in the local area.

The Outreach team is there to be a friend, and provides the children and their families with support and encouragement to help them on their journey to a positive future.

*Missionbeat - Mission Outreach - Mission Youth Work : "We're there for the long haul"*