



Habitat for Humanity®
South Australia

newsletter June 2026

From the Chair

The past few months have been a busy period for our team. We've been exploring a new opportunity to support crisis accommodation in Port Lincoln, handed over Rhonda's home in Smithfield Plains (our 41's Habitat home), and expanded the reach of our Brush with Kindness program.

As cost-of-living pressures continue to bite, we're especially grateful for the ongoing support we receive through ReStore—and proud to play our part in helping people access affordable home improvement supplies.

Last week we circulated our end of financial year appeal. Thank you to those who have made a [tax deductible donation](#) to help families like Rhonda's realise the life changing impact that access to decent shelter provides.

This year, the global Habitat for Humanity movement celebrates 50 years of helping people build or improve the places they call home.

We are grateful to Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC for hosting a reception for our supporters earlier this month at Government House as part of the 50 year celebrations, and to recognise some major contributors to Habitat through this event.

There are more events planned for later in the year to mark the milestone. If you've ever been interested in volunteering overseas with Habitat, you can learn about the special 50 Year Global Village builds on the [Habitat for Humanity Australia website](#).

Thanks for your ongoing interest in the work of Habitat for Humanity in South Australia – we couldn't do it without you.

Michael Arman
Chair, Habitat for Humanity SA

latest news

Governor's Reception

The Governor of South Australia recently hosted a reception for Habitat SA where the purpose of the Habitat movement and the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live was celebrated. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution of volunteers, donors, life members and long term supporters as well as corporate partners and suppliers. The following awards were also presented.

Homebuilding Partner

For enduring commitment and impact through the years, this Award recognizes organisations that have been steadfast and generous collaborators in physically building homes with Habitat.

Nominations

- FMG Engineering, for donating soil testing, surveying and civil design services for all Habitat homes for more than 15 years.
- Dulux Group, for donating the paint, Acratex render and exsulite cladding for Habitat projects for over a decade.
- HPG Homes, for project managing the construction of Habitat home builds for the Lovett family, Rhonda and Nyssa.
- Waymag Building Surveyors, for donating building certification services for as long as anyone can remember... potentially every Habitat project.

Awarded to HPG Homes.

ReStore Partner

For organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to ReStore in ways that have sustained its success and community support.

Nominations

- SHAPE, for regular and sustained donations from office fit outs and construction projects, financial and in-kind donations to Habitat projects
- Routleys Kitchen Bathroom Laundry, for regular and sustained donations of products that support ReStore, while also helping the community with home renovations
- CMV Foundation, for the generous free lease of a truck, without which ReStore could not collect donations and deliver to customers.
- Cities of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield, for driving circular economy impact and support ReStore through donations from their Central Adelaide Waste and Recycling Authority.

Awarded to SHAPE.

Catalyst for Change Partner

For transformative financial support that underpins and propels the ongoing impact of Habitat for Humanity in SA. *Nominations*

- HomeStart, for supporting Habitat families to access finance, as well as coming on board as a Habitat Platinum Impact Partner.
- Harvey Foundation, for sustained and significant financial contribution, donating more than \$400,000 to Habitat projects and programs since 2010.
- Ian Potter Foundation, for providing a transformative seed funding grant spread over three year that enabled the establishment of our social enterprise ReStore.

Awarded to Harvey Foundation.

ReStore Auctions — Bid for a Cause

Great Finds. Better Futures.

Last month, we were delighted to launch ReStore Auctions. Every bid you place directly supports Habitat for Humanity South Australia as we build strength, stability and hope through safe, affordable housing.

- No buyer's fee — what you bid is what you pay
- No hidden reserve — every auction is open and transparent
- New items added regularly — always different, always unique



[Habitat for Humanity SA - ReStore Auctions](#)

We are grateful to the volunteers who identified this opportunity, and helped us develop the ReStore Auctions platform.

Happy bidding!

2026–2028 Business Plan Adopted

Our new Business Plan (July 2026–June 2028) recently adopted by the Board, was informed by engagement with Habitat’s partners, donors and supporters, as well as our staff and volunteers. This process confirmed the importance of partnerships to Habitat’s success.

Over the next two years, we will:

- Continue delivering the Affordable Homes Program
- Explore new approaches and models that can help more households access secure, affordable housing.
- Maintain Brush with Kindness as a core program in recognition of its strong social impact.
- Sustain and grow our ReStore social enterprise, which plays a vital role in generating funds to support our mission.

Celebrating Our Volunteers: Brush with Kindness

“I wanted to say a big thank you for the wonderful job you did! We are really grateful for all your effort. The covers in the back room feel very secure, and it’s fantastic to see the residents already enjoying growing vegetables in the garden bed.”

“We’d also love to reach out to you in the future whenever we need a bit of extra support.”

“Your work has made a real difference, and we truly appreciate it!”

Brush with Kindness engages community and corporate volunteers to provide practical, local responses to the housing crisis — one project at a time.

- Crisis accommodation providers can improve their spaces and better support hundreds of clients each year.
- Timely repairs help vulnerable households stay safely housed and break the cycle of homelessness.
- Grandcarers receive practical support to sustain long-term caregiving.
- Vulnerable families, including domestic violence survivors, stay housed through repairs that help prevent tenancy breaches.

Between July 2025 and May 2026, we completed 23 Brush with Kindness projects. Seventeen of these were completed by our amazing volunteers, led by coordinator Ron, with 58 volunteers contributing 339 volunteer hours.

Beneficiaries included crisis accommodation providers, Grandcarers and survivors of domestic violence, supporting their transition into safe and secure housing. Work included a garden clean-up prior to a tenancy inspection, end-of-tenancy repairs, and painting projects supported by donated paint and volunteer labour.



Thanks to our Australia-wide partnership with Dulux for the supply of paint!





Building a cubby house for a kinship carer involved 31 hours of volunteer labour.

Affordable Homes Program

Rhonda's home dedication

Last Wednesday was special day for us with the handover of our 41st home at Smithfield Plains.

It was the realisation of a dream for new Habitat homeowner Rhonda, a wonderfully dedicated foster mum who now has a home of her own and a place of security and stability for the children in her care.

We are filled with gratitude for the part that you and many others have played in making this possible.

A special thank you to HPG Builders for managing construction at no cost, and to the Harvey Foundation for their generous \$30,000 contribution.

We also couldn't have delivered Rhonda's home without the generous support of Homestart, SUHO , FMG Engineering_ Burgess Design, Waymag, Holcim Australia , Dulux Acratex , CSR Limited , Bianco Reinforcing, Aus Ceilings & Walls, James Hardie Australia and Master Builders Insurance Brokers.

Can you help us find our next partner family?

Over the past 30 years HFHSA has supported 41 families, in exceptional circumstances, into affordable home ownership. This program builds on Habitat's unique sweat equity model and is made possible through the generous support from trades and businesses across South Australia

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for new partner families. Habitat for Humanity selects partner families in accordance with the Affordable Homes Program Criteria. There are limited opportunities each year, and families are selected on a needs-basis.

Habitat for Humanity is committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in accordance with our values and policies.

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Not too late to support our end of financial year appeal



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As you would have read, it's been a big year for Habitat for Humanity in South Australia. It comes at a time when we are all too aware of the critical housing situation faced by so many in our community.

Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our volunteers, partners, suppliers and donors.

We invite you to join us in helping others like Rhonda achieve their dream of homeownership through Habitat for Humanity SA, by making a tax-deductible donation online at [GiveNow - House a Family in Need](https://www.givenow.com.au/housefamilyinneed).

Thank you to those who have already donated.

<https://www.givenow.com.au/housefamilyinneed>

Coming Up: Habitat for Humanity's 50th Anniversary

It all starts with an open door.

In 2026, Habitat for Humanity celebrates 50 years of building strong communities by pursuing a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. This milestone is more than an anniversary – it's a moment for our global network to unite, honour our shared history, and amplify our impact.

Habitat began on a community farm in Georgia, USA, where the idea of “partnership housing” was developed — bringing people in need of housing together with supporters. From that simple vision, a global movement took shape.

Together, we've empowered more than 62 million people to secure a safe home, with active programs in over 60 countries. As we look ahead, the need remains urgent: one in three people still lacks adequate housing, and our mission must continue with renewed energy.

To mark this 50-year milestone — and to help build hope for the next 50 years — Habitat for Humanity Australia is hosting a special Global Village build, the “50th Anniversary Build”, on World Habitat Day, Monday 5 October 2026.

[learn more](#)

Port Lincoln Crisis Accommodation Project

We are in the early stages of scoping an important project in Port Lincoln that aims to provide short-term accommodation for single men experiencing homelessness, empowering them to reconnect with community and develop skills to become economically and socially independent.

This site will have the capacity to house up to 18 adult men in single occupancy units, plus an employee bedroom and bathroom, two communal shower blocks, a communal kitchen, an office space, two enclosed pergola areas, and a large outdoor area. The units require renovating, furniture, and fittings to bring them up to a suitable standard.

We are in discussion with a wide range of partners to explore how Habitat for Humanity can assist this important project- stay tuned for further updates!

