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Soup ladles are at the ready at Baptistcare



This July Baptist care WA and Baptist Care Australia will be holding National Soup Day all around WA and Australia. Similar to well known fundraisers such as World's Biggest Morning Tea by the Cancer Council, participants are asked for a two dollar donation for a cup of soup with the proceeds going to Baptistcare programs that help the needy and disadvantaged in WA.

National Soup Day will be running for the first time ever in WA this year and Baptistcare's PR and Fundraising Manager, Yvette Willison, says that the support that Perth's churches are showing for the day is very exciting.

'We have a good number of churches on board, but as always, we'd love to have more people drinking soup on July 27 to help fundraise for Baptistcare WA programs.'

'Darlington United Church, Lake Joondalup Baptist Church and Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will be serving soup and rolls after their Sunday services on the 27th and Riverton Baptist Church are starting up a new Seniors Communion service using Soup Day as their launching pad.'

'We would love to get people volunteering to serve up soup at their local footy or netball game on the day,' Yvette says.

The money raised by the inaugural fundraising event will contribute to Baptistcare programs that assist people like Macca (not his real name).

Macca first visited Baptistcare's mental health drop-in service three months ago; on arrival he was very shy and nervous. His asking Baptistcare for help was a huge leap of faith as he had been feeling isolated within his own family group.

Macca lives with OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), which makes him collect large volumes of items that people would normally throw out.

Something as simple as having a hair cut became a source of anxiety and distress for Macca. Today, Thursday 12th of June has seen Macca enter the hairdressers to have his shoulder length hair cut short.



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Macca has also started removing some of the items that have been his constant companions for many years.

Baptistcare has offered Macca a place that he can attend each week, a place where he feels safe with friends and support.

Baptistcare will be holding National Soup Day at all of its offices and facilities around WA and encourage others to organise a work group, church group or school group to get together and have a chat over a cup of soup.

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