



Helia proud to support community partners in 2026

As 2025 comes to a close, Helia is proud to announce its continuing support of three major community partners – Habitat for Humanity Australia, Youth Off The Streets and St Vincent de Paul Society NSW into 2026.

These longstanding partnerships align with Helia's purpose to provide accessible housing for all Australians, specifically helping those most vulnerable find safe accommodation.

Michael Cant, Chief Executive Officer, Helia says: 'With housing affordability and accessibility a huge challenge in Australia, we are proud to be playing our part in supporting the efforts of our partners to give Australians access to safe housing when they're at their most vulnerable.'

In addition, in support of longstanding customer Defence Bank, Helia has become the first corporate sponsor of Defence Bank's Defence Community Dog program, supporting a veteran living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with an accredited Assistance Dog.

Helia's sponsorship covers the 8-10 months specialist training, placement and ongoing support for both the dog and veteran throughout the dog's working life. Helia's sponsored Defence Community Dog named 'Hans' was presented to his veteran at a recent graduation ceremony.

Mr Cant says: 'We are proud to stand with Defence Community Dogs to support veterans and their families in meaningful and practical ways, contributing to strength, dignity and ongoing wellbeing for those who have served.'

Throughout 2025, Helia has donated much needed funds and volunteering hours to support the efforts of our three major community partners and the important programs they operate.

The messages of appreciation from our partners shows the difference our contribution makes to supporting those most vulnerable. Helia looks forward to continuing to work with these partners to provide much needed support for vulnerable Australians.

Messages from Helia's Community Partners

Habitat for Humanity Australia

"Helia, thank you for being a transformational partner. Your support has had a powerful impact - both across Australia and throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Our partnership has helped build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has access to a decent, affordable place to call home. Through financial contributions and employee volunteering, Helia has supported disadvantaged members of our community now and in the future.

We look forward to continuing to develop our partnership so that together we can build and repair more homes and advocate for policies that make housing accessible for everyone."

- Penny Kaleta, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Australia | <https://www.habitat.org.au>

Youth Off The Streets

“We are grateful for Helia’s continued support, which over the past decade has empowered us to reach vulnerable children and young people with the education, housing and opportunities needed for a positive future.

Youth homelessness is growing, as are the challenges faced by young people. With the support of partners like Helia, Youth Off The Streets will reach more young people in need next year with programs that will help them overcome challenges and create positive pathways for the future. Thanks to Helia’s generous support, we will open doors to new opportunities – including two scholarships that will empower young people to pursue vocational goals and chase their dreams.

To the incredible team at Helia: thank you for standing with us and being an essential part of our community.”

- Judy Barraclough, CEO, Youth Off The Streets | <https://youthoffthestreets.com.au>

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

“St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has supported well over 200,000 people this past year through our members, Vinnies Vans and services. Our Vinnies Vans alone supported more than 115,000 people with food, connection and referrals to vital services.

Having the support of partners such as Helia is vital to ensuring we can be there for people in their time of need. Our Vinnies Vans operate throughout the state every night providing what may be the only meal someone has all day, while Our Lady of The Way provides crucial refuge for women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence.

As demand for assistance continues to grow, we are able to meet the need that exist because of the generosity of partners who support our mission of shaping a more just and compassionate society for all.”

- Yolanda Saiz, CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW | <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw>

Defence Community Dogs

“We are delighted to welcome Helia as our first corporate sponsor of Defence Community Dogs. Our program provides highly trained Assistance Dogs to serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members who need support for mood, depressive and anxiety conditions, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The impact these dogs have on the lives of veterans is extraordinary – providing companionship, reassurance and a renewed sense of confidence and we thank Helia for their support.”

- Leanne Kyle, CEO, Defence Community Dogs | www.dcdogs.com.au

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