

## Hopefield

Hopefield offers an extensive range of community programs in support of those most in need in the Sutherland Shire. Founded with the belief that everyone should be valued regardless of background or current circumstance, Hopefield provides emotional, social and mental health support to vulnerable members of the community.

Historically, Hopefield's work related to housing, mental health and support for the NDIS clients. However, over the past few years services have extended to case management for domestic violence victims, homeless services, community food co-ops, speech pathology and retail op shops .

Through their community outreach efforts in 2019, Hopefield helped over 300 clients, and conducted nearly 1,300 counselling sessions.

Additionally, in partnership with One Meal, Hopefield served over 615 meals to families in need, a free service to local residents that continues to expand on a weekly basis.

"Hopefield is a community based, Christ centred organisation, that provides holistic professional services, inspiring hope and transforming lives," Vicki Sherry, CEO of Hopefield .

As a long-standing Shire-based community organisation, Hopefield began life in 1995 as 'Southern Community Welfare', a two-person counselling service in the Gymea Baptist Church. In 2019 they rebranded as Hopefield to encompass the even broadening base of their services.

"At the core of Hopefield is hope. Through every action at the organisation our mission is to ensure individuals are healthy internally and externally, families are safe, happy and interconnected with communities that enable them to flourish," said Vicki Sherry.





Hopefield is able to expand their work supported by an 8 year funding partnership with the Big Sister Foundation. This long-term sustainability funding has enabled Hopefield to provide additional case management services to support women in the most vulnerable situations. In addition, the support also encompasses Hopefield's local homeless initiatives based in Cronulla and the Shire Community Food Co-op, a collaborative food relief program involving three other community organisations.

The Big Sister Foundation continues to support Hopefield in varying capacities to ensure these vital services continue to be available to those most in need the local community .

For further information on Hopefield visit their website:

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