



## SOCKS AND BACKPACKS DONATION

The Karrinyup Rotary Community Homeless Working Group collects and donates socks and backpacks each year to the homeless in the city. These items are distributed for us by the Perth Homeless Support Group out of Bayswater.

The Perth Homeless Support Group has developed an innovative “Community Model” over time, which focuses on assisting individuals experiencing homelessness, displacement, and those in transitional housing.

### **Primary goals:**

Relieve the stress on those experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, by providing their basic needs; and educate those experiencing homelessness of other services that are available to help them

Each year our club contributes \$3,000 (in goods) to this project which buys socks (300-400 pairs), 50 backpacks (30 men’s and 20 woman’s) and backpack contents.

The contents of the bags are:

### **CLOTHING**

1 X Beanie  
1 x scarf  
1 x gloves  
1 x socks  
1 x small blanket  
1 x travel mug

### **TOILETRIES**

1 x tube of toothpaste  
1 x toothbrush  
1 x deodorant  
1 x pack wet wipes  
1 x disposal razor  
1 pack sanitary pads (women’s packs only)  
1 x small pack of Elastoplast  
1 x small comb

### **FOOD**

2 x tins tuna  
1 x energy bar  
Bamboo cutlery  
1 x pack crackers  
1 x pkt of cup a soup

Socks are included in every backpack and the remainder go to the support group for distribution every Sunday at their support hub in Perth where they supply food, clothing, toiletries as well as having a doctor and hairdresser on site and a bus which has shower facilities and a bus with washing machine facilities.

The support group has a couple of vans which go out on a Tuesday evening with a street chaplain. This facility is to make sure that anyone in need of help gets the support and advice

they need to protect themselves. It is on one of these Tuesday evening trips that the filled backpacks are distributed to those in need each winter.



Socks to be distributed



Filled backpack



Contents of back pack (men)



Goods collected



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