



# Homelessness Week

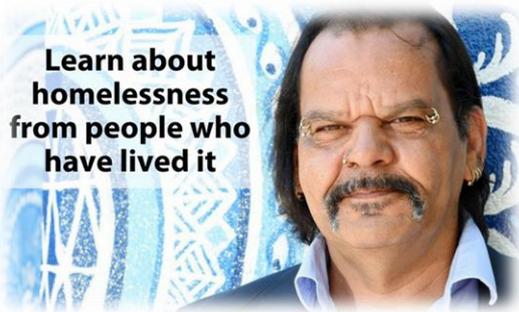
## 2017

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## Homelessness Week 2017 : 7 - 13 August

### Walk in my shoes... Homelessness experience tours

Who can become homeless? What leads to homelessness? Where do people experiencing homelessness sleep, eat, access services, find support? No-one can answer these questions better than someone who has been in a homeless situation. This Homelessness Week we invite you to take a Walk in My Shoes tour.



**Learn about homelessness from people who have lived it**

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PESP member will take groups on a walking tour of the Melbourne CBD / inner city, talking them through sites of personal significance.

**Date:** Monday 7 August, 10am – midday OR Wednesday 9 August, 11am – 1pm

**Meeting point:**

Monday: CHP, 2 Stanley St, Collingwood (the tour will end at the St Vincent's Hospital)

Wednesday: Corner Pitt and Rathdowne Streets Carlton

RSVP Monday tour: [https://walkinmyshoes\\_homelessnessweek\\_monday.eventbrite.com.au](https://walkinmyshoes_homelessnessweek_monday.eventbrite.com.au)

RSVP Wed Tour: [https://walkinmyshoes\\_homelessnessweek\\_wednesday.eventbrite.com.au](https://walkinmyshoes_homelessnessweek_wednesday.eventbrite.com.au)

All are welcome. The tour may be of particular interest to school groups, volunteer organisations, community group or any individual who wants to gain greater insight into the challenges encountered by those experiencing homelessness.

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*"It gave me insight into the realities of life for those who find themselves homeless – it challenged some pre-conceived notions I didn't even realise I held!"*

*"My concerns about the possible voyeuristic nature of the tour were quickly allayed, as PESP tour guides explained the nature and issues involved in homelessness and marginalisation in Melbourne."*

*"It was a great opportunity for young people to see what homeless people go through every day/night and how hard it is for them to get access to the things we view as so simple."*

*"This was my first opportunity to have this kind of interaction with someone who has been homeless. This tour helped my learning move from the theoretical to the personal."*