

### Olive Way Steering Committee

Richard Arnold chairs the Olive Way Steering Committee. Kirsty Bennett is also a member of this committee. The OWSC provides guidance and support for the overall management of the Olive Way program. Key topics of discussion currently include

- **Painting the Olive Way** - Council approved the recommendation for this to go ahead as soon as possible. Kirsty met with Peter Blair and Amelia Ware to discuss the colour palette. We are very excited by indications of a feature wall and warm colours - making it very clear that something has changed.
  - **Can you help?** - Peter has asked for volunteers to assist with clearing and preparing the Olive Way space for the painting project. If you have some time to spare please call Peter, 0431 193 810
  - **Reopening the Olive Way** - This will happen in line with the opening of cafes and restaurants. The Olive Way will operate from the main hall with arrangements being put in place to allow for other users to book the space outside of OW hours.
- **Current ministry** - It is such a joy to celebrate the way in which OW staff and volunteers have adapted since the temporary closure of the Olive Way due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The innovative actions including maintaining of social connectedness and the provision of hot meals (in cooperation with the Salvation Army) have been a blessing to many people."
  - **The mobile phone project** - this project seeks to provide people with a free mobile phone to enhance the possibility of remaining connected during isolation. Thank you to all the people who have donated a working mobile fund. SIM cards are being funded through donations from Inner West
  - The relationship with the **Salvation Army**, initiated through sharing the end of year Christmas lunch, has blossomed. The SA provides a cooked lunch on four days a week. Our cook Peter Murphy provides assistance with meal preparation on two days. Peter Blair meets with Olive Way people at the Salvos while they are waiting for meals which enables him to maintain positive connections while we are closed.
  - See [Peter Blair's video](#) offered as part of the Celebrating Care and Connection initiative.

