


# Ready to work: A ticket to a new life

**McAuley Works** McAuley's Employment Program



McAuley Community  
Services for Women  
A ministry of the Sisters of Mercy

The background features several large, overlapping, teardrop-shaped segments in various shades of blue, including dark navy, medium blue, and light sky blue, arranged in a circular pattern around the text.

“A job is my way out of this nightmare. A job means I have money to pay the rent, buy food and clothes, pay the bills...it is a ticket to sanity and freedom.”

# McAuley's employment program

McAuley Works was set up in 2010 in direct response to demand from women using our crisis and accommodation services to help them to secure jobs and access training.

Our staff are especially trained in working with women who are homeless or experiencing family violence. We help them to develop vital job ready skills, preparing them for interviews and bolstering the confidence they need to gain jobs in the open and competitive market.

For the majority of the 201 women assisted, McAuley Works has been their last port of call for help to gain a job or training.

## What McAuley Works offers

We run an intensive and personalised job ready program to help women secure jobs and support themselves and their family financially. This includes:

- Resume preparation
- Interview training
- Referrals for interviews
- Secure recognised vocational qualifications
- Job seeking skills
- Obtain work experience
- Post placement support.

The program is free for the women.

**McAuley Works receives no government funding. Instead it relies on community and philanthropic support to run this crucial program.**

McAuley Works also runs tailored workshops for people looking for work. Ring us on (03) 9371 6600 for more details.

# Our successes

Between 2010 and mid 2013:



**201 women have been referred to McAuley Works**



**90 women are still in jobs**



**134 women have found jobs through McAuley Works**



**45 women are no longer receiving Centrelink payments**



**88 women have accessed Vocational Training and Education programs**



**Taxpayers have been saved an annual \$1 million thanks to McAuley Works**



## The cost

- It costs McAuley \$5,000 to assist a woman become work ready
- The Government-funded Jobs Services program costs \$9,000 a person
- McAuley Works represents a saving of 45% of taxpayers' money.

## Change women's lives

The dream of further training or a job has been out of reach for the majority of women coming to McAuley Works. They simply have not had the confidence to apply for a job or training courses.

### **Our goal through McAuley Works is to make a difference to the lives of each woman we assist.**

Providing financial support through bursaries enables the women to pursue their dream of a job or further training in order to become independent. This is an achievable goal that we all can share.

## We invite you to help us meet that goal

You can provide women with a ticket out of family violence or homelessness and into work.

- Hold an event to fundraise for a bursary of \$5,000 for one woman
- Provide workplace experience
- Commit to educating staff about family violence by engaging McAuley to run training sessions for managers and staff
- Commit to workplace giving and offer to match employee's donations to McAuley.



Start now by ringing us on (03) 9371 6600 to learn more about McAuley Works and how you can become involved.



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# About McAuley Community Services for Women

McAuley specifically works with women and their children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as a result of family violence or mental illness.

McAuley is a Ministry of the Sisters of Mercy. It runs a holistic program made up of three services:

## McAuley Care

Victoria's only round-the clock crisis accommodation and support for women and their children escaping domestic violence, as well as five refuges.

## McAuley House

Provides accommodation and support for women who are homeless as a consequence of family violence or mental illness.

## McAuley Works

An intensive employment program that assists women to secure employment and increases their ability to support themselves financially.

McAuley also runs a social enterprise **Engage to Change** that offers training in the workplace for employers on family violence and its impact on business and staff.

All funds raised through **Engage to Change** are reinvested into McAuley Works' program of helping women who have experienced family violence and who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness to get ready and find work.