

Australia Post helps The Big Issue kick off 2023

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Following a successful trial, long-standing community partner and non-for-profit organisation, The Big Issue has designated Australia Post as its briefing base in Melbourne and Perth to assist disadvantaged Australians selling the magazine.

The Big Issue has released its second edition for 2023 which means briefings are in full swing with Big Issue sellers (also known as vendors) welcomed into Australia Post today to hear all about the latest edition over breakfast.

Magazine launches and briefings will now be held every fortnight at Australia Post's 111 Bourke Street office and at 249 Hay Street, East Perth. These briefings are an important opportunity for vendors to feel connected to their community[1].

Australia Post Executive General Manager, Community, Sustainability and Stakeholder Engagement, Tanny Mangos said The Big Issue plays an important role in building resilience in people experiencing marginalisation, homelessness, and disadvantage.

"Promoting community connection and resilience is one of our key priorities at Australia Post. We're proud to not only give The Big Issue a space in our offices to regroup and feel connected, but also offer a

number of our Post Offices as collection points for vendors to pick up their magazines and support them in earning income from meaningful work.

"We've been a proud partner of The Big Issue for the past 26 years and we encourage all Australians who walk by their friendly-faced Big Issue vendor to give a smile, say hello and buy a magazine this year in support of some of our most vulnerable Australians," Ms. Mangos said.

The Big Issue Editor, Amy Hetherington said: "The Big Issue is only as big as the community behind it – and Australia Post has been an integral part of this community for more than 26 years, showing support to The Big Issue from day one.

"Since inception, Australia Post has provided immeasurable support as a distribution point for vendors purchasing magazines. Vendors purchase the magazine for \$4.50 and sell for \$9, earning a meaningful income. We are now excited to host our new edition magazine launches at Australia Post Offices every fortnight."



Australia Post facilitates the collection of The Big Issue magazine for vendors around Australia. Collection points include the following Australia Post Office locations:

Redcliffe QLD - Blue Water Square, 20 Anzac Avenue Booval QLD - Booval Fair Shopping Centre. Shop 22, 135 Brisbane Road Pacific Fair QLD - 2 Hooker Boulevard, Pacific Fair Shopping Centre George Street QLD – 69 Ann Street Sandgate QLD – 67 Brighton Road Subiaco WA - 172 Rokeby Road Joondalup WA – 420 Joondalup Drive Haymarket NSW - 13/477 Pitt St North Sydney NSW – 92 Pacific Highway Hamilton NSW – 83 Beaumont Street
Burwood NSW – 42 Railway Parade
Adelaide Rundle Mall SA – Shop 59 City
Cross Arc
Norwood SA – Shop 20 161 The Parade
Glenelg SA – 19-31 Brighton Road
Flinders Lane VIC – 271 Collins Street
St Kilda VIC – 2-3 Shakespeare Grove
Bourke Street VIC – 15 Southern Cross Lane
Melbourne GPO VIC – 260 Elizabeth Street
Ballarat VIC – 10-16 Armstrong Street
Canberra GPO – 53 Alinga Street

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