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Anti-Poverty Week

Anti-Poverty Week aims to increase understanding on the causes and consequences of poverty.

From October 11, a series of activities and events will be running throughout the week with the Albany Public Library hosting displays to inform and educate people about poverty, as well as accepting non-perishable food donations for Foodbank.

A number of couches will also be spread around Albany, telling the personal stories of people who have experienced poverty and providing statistics on poverty within the Albany community.

The 'Couches 4 Poverty' will be located outside the Albany Public Library, at the City of Albany North Road Administration building, Albany PCYC, Vancouver Arts Centre, St John's Centre and Shalom House.

The City of Albany also encourages the public in addition to making non-perishable donations to Foodbank, to also consider making a donation to the Albany Community Foundation during Poverty Week via their website, www.acfwa.com.au.

Anti-Poverty Week Events include:

Tuesday 13 October

From 5:30pm, Albany Public Library will be hosting a series of 'TED Talks' around the issue of poverty which will be followed up by presentations and a Q&A panel discussion with representatives from Foodbank and Shalom House. Bookings are essential, please phone the Library on 9841 9390.

Saturday 17 October

From 8am until 11am, Shalom House will be holding a Community Open Day and Volunteer Thank you Breakfast. Shalom House is a community funded, not for profit organisation that provides accommodation during the winter months to homeless men and a daily drop in centre from 10am-1pm Mondays and Tuesdays.

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