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UNITED WAY GLENELG'S RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS IN A COFFEE CUP

A free cup of coffee may seem like a small thing, but it can make someone's day when it's given as a random act of kindness.

United Way Glenelg is enacting a community spirit initiative for the week leading up to Christmas by giving away cups of coffee to strangers.

It will start with a \$100 donation at participating cafes with United Way Glenelg then encouraging people to pay it forward by donating the cost of their coffee to the next person, thus creating a chain reaction.

Nicole Carr Executive Officer United Way Glenelg said the power of paying coffee forward is greater than the value of the free drink that someone receives, with the potential to inspire a multitude of other acts of kindness.

"In the face of this health crisis, I have been amazed by the acts of kindness we are seeing across the Glenelg Shire. This is a community that has come together.

"The simple act of kindness reminds us that even the smallest gestures can bring people together and help us remember to look out for each other," concluded Ms Carr.

United Way Glenelg is asking local people to check in on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayglenelg> daily to see when and where the random acts of coffee kindness are taking place or simply be surprised if your coffee is "on the house."

Participating cafes will be located in Portland, Heywood, Nelson, Dartmoor and Casterton.

Random acts of coffee kindness will cap off a busy year for United Way Glenelg as it has conducted 24 COVID-19 specific projects for the local community. Establishing the COVID-19 Impact Fund in early March has given the charity the ability to help the community to respond, recover, and rebuild during the pandemic.

If you would like to donate to the United Way Glenelg Community Fund please click on this link https://www.givenow.com.au/uwg_covid19_impact_fund

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