

Favourite pub to reopen

A ROOFTOP terrace with views of the Hobart waterfront is the key feature of a \$5m renovation at the Telegraph Hotel, which will reopen on September 12.

The improvements also include a revitalised ground floor public bar and a first-floor dining room.

Stephen Bourke, joint owner of the building with Brendan Bourke, said he was excited to reopen the pub.

"Our family has owned and loved this magnificent waterfront pub for around 30 years.



The Telegraph Hotel before its makeover.

The total refurbishment we've undertaken, including stunning rooftop bar, is the realisation of our dreams for the

Telegraph," Mr Bourke said.

He said he was confident the rooftop terrace would be a popular spot for locals and

tourists, especially with its vantage point offering views of Sullivan's Cove and beyond.

The weatherproofed terrace includes retractable roof coverings and heating.

"Since the 1850s The Telegraph has enjoyed a robust and significant history and now we have a new exciting future to look forward to," Mr Bourke said.

"So for Brendon and I we couldn't be happier with how it's all turned out."

A new menu from executive chef Christian Abbott and

head chef James Chaston would offer favourite pub classics alongside modern, produce-driven dishes which make the most of Tasmania's local ingredients.

The bars will be stocked with local whisky, beer and wine, alongside a range of popular Australian and international drinks.

The leasehold of the Telegraph Hotel was acquired by the Australian Venue Co in July 2021, the company's first investment in Tasmania.

The venue has been closed

for trading since April last year.

Australian Venue Co executive Paul Waterson said the full restoration aimed to blend the best of Hobart's heritage with the feel of an everyday pub that locals and tourists could.

"The Tele is a Hobart icon, so we're very humbled to be part of this historic pub's next chapter," he said.

The hotel was established in 1858 and was known initially as the Electric Telegraph Hotel.

CHARITY'S COMMON THREAD

LAURA PLACELLA

A "CLOTHING hub" has permanently set up shop in Hobart on Goulburn St as more vulnerable Tasmanian citizens become dependent on charitable donations as the cost of living skyrockets.

Not-for-profit charity Thread Together has opened the clothing hub in partnership with the Hobart City Church of Christ, after a pop-up clothing hub - set up in the basement of the church in November 2021 - was inundated with demand for clothing.

Church program manager Carol Kingshott said when Tasmanians visited the hub, they would have an "authentic retail experience" and would be able to take home brand new clothes from a range of designers, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers for free.

"I see on a daily basis the difference this makes to their sense of self-worth, dignity and confidence," Ms Kingshott said.

"At Hobart City Church, we operate by partnering with other charities and service providers as we can be so much more effective when we work together."

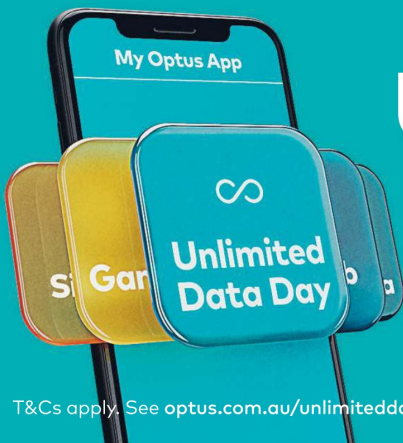
Thread Together chief executive Anthony Chesler said with volunteers like Carol, the charity could continue to "stay agile in supporting vulnerable Australians".

"The beauty of a church is they often have access to eager volunteers within the community," Mr Chesler said.

Thread Together will also operate a mobile wardrobe, which will work to service the outlying areas of the state.



Hobart Thread Together clothing hub program manager Carol Kingshott with the mobile wardrobe. Picture: Chris Kidd



Use data today like there's no tomorrow

Be part of the Living Network
 It starts with yes

Yes OPTUS

T&Cs apply. See optus.com.au/unlimiteddataday for T&Cs.