



# Connections

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# FLIPPING PANCAKES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

## CONNECTIONS UNITINGCARE CELEBRATES NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY

Connections UnitingCare is hosting a morning tea for the local Monash community on Tuesday 24 February to celebrate National Pancake Day with all money raised going to the SHARE Community Appeal.

Staff and supporters will be on hand at the organisation's head office in Mount Waverley to cook pancakes that can be purchased for just a gold coin donation.

Pancake Day is an initiative of UnitingCare and its fundraising arm SHARE and since its inception in 2002, has sold more than 1.5 million pancakes at over 10,000 events across Australia, supporting the 1.8 million Australians UnitingCare help each year.

Connections, the largest UnitingCare agency in Victoria, is proud of its links with UnitingCare and is keen to support events such as Pancake Day that raise awareness and much needed funds.

'Pancake Day is a fun and enjoyable way for the local community to come together but we must remember why our agencies exist. Events like Pancake Day raise awareness but also support people in need - there are important social issues underpinning this event,' says Connections Chief Executive Officer, Ms Angela Forbes.

'As we move into uncertain and unpredictable economic times it is becoming increasingly more important for socially orientated groups and organisations to work in partnership to support those who are doing it tough at the moment,' she said.

Connections is a welfare agency that bases its way of working around social connectedness. Events like Pancake Day bring people together and reinforce the importance of caring for people in need. This year, Pancake Day has a special significance occurring so close to the Victorian bushfire disaster. Connections and UnitingCare nationally have been very active in providing counselling support and material aid delivery and funds have been released from SHARE to assist those affected by the bushfires.

Pancake Day encourages groups to host an event either on the day or throughout the month of February. For more information go to [www.connections.org.au](http://www.connections.org.au) or [www.pancakeday.com.au](http://www.pancakeday.com.au)

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Connections is a community welfare agency of the Uniting Church's UnitingCare network in Australia providing a range of innovative and early intervention programs that support vulnerable children, young people and their families giving them a better chance in life now and in the future.

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