

## The Big Issue

### Welcome

The Big Issue has come to Saint Andrew's.

This great organisation is located in an office alongside our Church Office in Creek Street and empowers many vulnerable people in our community. We are thrilled to be in partnership with them.

### About The Big Issue

We are an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and creating job opportunities for homeless, marginalised and disadvantaged people. Simply put, we help people help themselves.

### What we do

We run social enterprises to create employment for people who are unable to access mainstream jobs. These enterprises operate much like traditional businesses, except all revenue is put back into the enterprises for the benefit of the individuals involved and broader community.

Our social enterprises include [The Big Issue magazine](#), the [Women's Subscription Enterprise](#) and [The Big Issue Classroom](#). We also run the [Community Street Soccer Program](#) and this year launched [The Big Idea](#) national competition for university students.

Our social enterprises not only provide opportunities for people to earn an income, but importantly, to build confidence and their capacity to help themselves. The people we help come from a range of backgrounds including mental illness, homelessness, long-term unemployment, intellectual and physical disability and drug and alcohol dependency.