



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The Wesley fundraising passes halfway mark**

The Wesley fundraising campaign, launched in April, has now exceeded the halfway mark, raising a total of \$575,000.

The campaign, aimed at reopening The Wesley, has seen people across Horsham contributing generously and helping to sell raffle tickets at various locations.

President Mary Starr said The Wesley Committee had been overwhelmed by the incredible support from the community, with donations pouring in from all sectors.

“In a major boost to the campaign, the Handbury Foundation donated \$30,000 at the beginning of July,” Mrs Starr said.

“The Wesley committee is extremely grateful for this generous contribution from their philanthropic partner, which will ensure the enduring link between the Handbury family and The Wesley.

“Once reopened, The Wesley will serve as a medium-sized venue for the entire community, hosting a variety of events including school performances, eisteddfods, intimate theatrical performances, conferences, exhibitions, cabarets, meetings, weddings, and funerals,” she said.

The Wesley fundraising campaign committee has set a funding target of \$1 million and has been successful in launching the campaign and keeping the public informed about the progress to restore, refresh, and reopen The Wesley.

The project, which has been meticulously prepared over the last six years since The Wesley was closed, is now moving towards the next stage - making the reopening of The Wesley a reality.

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