

# Galore in last dash



**FOR THE KIDS:** Therese Taylor of Colony 47 with a pile of gifts for distributing at the free Christmas lunch at the Hellenic Hall in North Hobart tomorrow. Picture: LEIGH WINBURN

## Free lunch and cheer on offer

MEGAN McNAUGHT

ANYONE feeling lonely this Christmas only need join one of the community lunches going on around Hobart tomorrow to enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Colony 47 will be dishing up lunch for at least 250 people at the Hellenic Hall in North Hobart.

Colony 47 CEO Therese Taylor said the lunch, first held in 1992, had grown bigger every year so that this year they were forced to move from the Masonic Hall to the new premises.

"It used to be just for people who didn't really have much else to do," Ms Taylor said.

"These days a lot of families who are going through a tough time come along as well, so we have a lot of children around the place."

Kids are given gifts which have been donated in recent weeks and Santa will be there to hand them out.

An army of volunteers will spend today preparing and cooking mountains of donated food.

Co-ordinator Honey Binny said food preparations would begin this morning to allow time to peel all of the potatoes and carrots and to cook 30 turkeys and 60 chickens, along with roast pork and beef.

Turn up at the Hellenic Hall at 67 Federal St from 11am to take part.

Also, the annual free Christmas lunch in the Elizabeth Mall begins at midday tomorrow, offering goodies including roast meats and Christmas pudding.

The event is run through the generosity of a few Hobart families and people can just turn up.

The West Moonah Community House will hold a Christmas lunch at 130 Springfield Ave at 1pm on Christmas Day. The cost is \$5. Bookings must be made on 6273 2362.

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Yes. I've got to get my boyfriend a present. I'm coming to the city to get it tomorrow.  
**Kirsten Lattanzio, 17, Rosetta**

No. I'm all organised.  
**Lyn Richer, 62, Bothwell**

Absolutely none.  
**Lyn Le Clezio, 55, Glenorchy**

I did mine yesterday. It took me five minutes.  
**Anthony Le Clezio, 19, Glenorchy**

Just a present for my sister. I'll get it tonight.  
**Sarah Moss, 20, North Hobart**

No. I did most of it two weeks ago.  
**Christian Smith, 25, Hobart**

## Apology

In the Coles Christmas Magazine 2010 we advertised Sanitarium Vegie Delights Vegie Roast 480g (page 38). This product is not available in all Coles stores.

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## Urgent plea for homeless

AUSTRALIANS should spare a thought for young people doing it tough on the streets this Christmas, federal Homelessness Minister Mark Arbib says.

Senator Arbib yesterday plated up lunches for homeless young people in Sydney with the Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Support network.

The 200 youngsters are getting back on their feet, and off the street, thanks to the Oasis program and Federal Government initiatives.

Senator Arbib said about 105,000 Australians were classed as homeless.

"People think that homelessness is an issue of shelter, it's not, it's a lot more complex than that," he said.

"You need the support services, you need the health care, you need the drug and alcohol rehabilitation, you need access to employment."

Senator Arbib urged Australians to think about the homeless this Christmas season and to make a donation.