

Huntington hopes to inspire



Hope Street chief executive Donna Bennett and Western Bulldogs AFLW star Isabel Huntington.

(Supplied)

By Benjamin Millar

Western Bulldogs AFLW star Isabel Huntington is kicking goals both on and off the field, joining Hope Street Youth and Family Services as an ambassador.

The organisation's 'Hope Street in Melton' program has been providing supported transitional housing for young people and young families experiencing homelessness, aiding them with employment, education and training opportunities as well as social and recreational development.

Huntington said she is committed to helping Hope Street achieve its vision for a society in which all young people and young families

have a safe place to call home, hoping her high profile sporting role will help raise awareness of the difficulties many young people face in securing stable accommodation.

"Being involved in the AFLW has been an incredible experience, the league has had an amazing impact for society in general, and for the advancement of social causes," she said.

"There are so many social causes that my role as an AFLW footballer enables me to support, including the meaningful work of Hope Street Youth and Family Services who provide holistic services to vulnerable young people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness."

Hope Street chief executive Donna Bennett

said the organisation is thrilled to welcome Huntington as an ambassador, predicting her enthusiasm and tenacity will inspire other young women to follow their dreams.

"I have no doubt young women will be inspired by Izzy as they will see a young woman who is going for what she wants in life and achieving this," she said.

"Ending youth homelessness takes a community effort and Hope Street is proud to be in partnership with the City of Melton through providing an industry-leading service model designed to respond to youth homelessness via a placed-based approach that assists young people ... find their pathway out of long-term homelessness and disadvantage."