

MEMBERS' UPDATE

October 2017

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Thanks to everyone who bought a cup of coffee and supported our recent AnglicareSA Coffee Break campaign. The initiative resulted in \$37,814 donated from On The Run (OTR) to help fund our homelessness services. This equates to:

- Meals to 721 people for 12 weeks
- Set of new socks and underwear to 267 people
- Blankets to 568 people sleeping rough next winter, and;
- Vital medication to 353 people battling health issues.

A great effort by everyone involved!



In the news... Holden closure

Anglicarer and former Holden worker **Adris Salih** was interviewed by 60 Minutes for a story on the closure of Holden in Elizabeth. Adris, pictured below with reporter **Ross Coultard**, worked at Holden for 28 years before retraining as a care worker and joining Home Care North two and a half years ago. You can watch his interview here:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/60Minutes9/videos/>



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Adris was also interviewed by the Sunday Mail, Channel 7 News and The Australian. You can watch the Channel 7 story on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/7NewsAdelaide/videos/>

Elizabeth Grove Housing Transfer Update

AnglicareSA was part of the first Housing SA/Renewal SA stock transfer of 479 properties in Elizabeth Grove/Vale named 'Better Places Stronger Communities (BPSC)'. BPSC is based on the principles of property, people and place all connecting.

This means working in partnership with our tenants, seeking to provide quality housing and build communities that are attractive, vibrant and safe. We can proudly say we are achieving these goals each day!

Since October 2015 we have:

- Managed 479 properties (with 897 tenants) in Elizabeth Grove and Elizabeth Vale
- Had 5000 plus visits to our local office
- Spent \$1.91 million on improvements and maintenance
- Spent \$381,000 on affordable living initiatives



Two of our happy tenants

Our tenants' feedback speaks for itself:

"Extremely happy with the customer service and professionalism of both the plumber and electrician".

"Highly impressed with the AnglicareSA Housing's friendly and helpful staff on the phone and the speed of which problems were assessed and rectified".

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Thanks to the teams who played a part, and continue to play a part, in the success of SA's first public housing transfer!

Our Build a Bike Angels

Last month the Fundraising and Marketing team attended Pedare Christian College's 'Build a Bike' event. The event was held for the amazing teaching staff of the college as part of a team building exercise. Staff were placed in 20 teams and instructed to work together to build bikes which they would later "race" in the schoolyard.

Little did they know that a bit of secret squirrel work was at play... As the teachers gathered to admire their final masterpieces, all safely constructed and on display, a few of our special AnglicareSA families entered the stage. Twenty little faces lit up with joy as they stood behind the bikes, while 20 teams of surprised teachers wondered what was going on. The children were completely overwhelmed with joy and excitement when they were told the bikes that they were standing in front of would be coming home with them, along with matching bike helmets!

Thank you to our AnglicareSA Angel School Pedare Christian College for going above and beyond to make something special happen. Thanks to the wonderful collaborative work of staff from the college and the AnglicareSA Fundraising and Marketing team, 20 children in need from culturally & linguistically diverse backgrounds, Emergency Assistance Services, Foster Care Services and Loss & Grief were given a brand new bike and helmet to call their own.



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AnglicareSA Volunteer wins Anglicare Australia Award



Congratulations to AnglicareSA volunteer **Anna Lattas** for winning the Volunteer Achievement Award at the Anglicare Australia National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Sydney last month. Anna has been a volunteer with AnglicareSA for 37 years and currently volunteers her time at the Daphne Street Child Care Centre.

Anna's dedication and commitment to the centre and the children has made her a much loved and respected member of the team. Anna remains committed to volunteering to assist the children and staff at the centre. In Anna's words, *"being with the children makes me feel joy"*.

Parents at Daphne Street really appreciate Anna's hard work and dedication, commenting that having Anna in their children's lives teaches them about differences,

inclusion, adversity and compassion.

Well done Anna! AnglicareSA really appreciates the time you give to the centre and to the children.

Trinity South Junior School's Shoe Box Donations

Last month our Fundraising Marketing team visited Trinity South Junior School to pick up a donation for our Emergency Assistance programs. The students collected enough goods to fill 64 shoe boxes, with an assortment of toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoo and conditioner.

The boxes were presented to **Ramona Reynolds-Smith** and **Nicole Zoia** at their Junior School assembly, who were honoured to have received such a generous donation. The school were presented with a certificate and stickers were given out to the students.



Nicole Zoia (centre) dropping off the donated goods to **Susan Stringer** (left) and **Diane Johnson** (right) at the Elizabeth Mission.

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Getting Back to Nature at Daphne Street

There's much excitement at our Daphne Street Child Care Centre this month, with the unveiling of a brand new outdoor play space! The nature based play area replaces the centre's old plastic equipment, encouraging the children to get outdoors and enjoy the natural environment around them.

Centre Manager **Brooke Spencer** says the vision for the playground was to help children learn to take risks through play. *"Kids don't go outside to play at places like the local creek like they used to,"* she explains. *"There's a sector wide move in children's play to get rid of artificial play equipment and replace it with more natural play spaces."*



TG Landscaping took five weeks to complete the space, and did a fantastic job transforming the site. The play area incorporates a dry creek bed that runs through the space, with a blue stone boundary and low lying shrubs surrounding it.

There's also a balancing log and tepee with jasmine that will grow up and over it. A mud kitchen and timer tap will encourage the kids to make the most of water play while also being water wise.

Half a dozen trees have been strategically placed to grow and provide shade. The landscapers also made use of an existing large shady tree, building seating around the trunk. The space has been audited by Kidsafe SA to ensure it meets all of the safety standards.

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HIPPY Onkaparinga Graduation

On Saturday 23 September, 20 Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) families celebrated two fantastic years of learning with HIPPY Onkaparinga. The families gathered at Taikurrindi Children and Family Centre to celebrate together, where I acknowledged their achievements by presenting them each with a certificate. A farewell backpack filled with goodies was presented to each child and they also received their learning folders, made up of a collection of all of their work over the last two years.

Thanks to the Reynella Kiwanians, the families enjoyed a wonderful BBQ lunch, glitter tattoos, and adventures with friends in the Taikurrindi Children and Family Centre gardens. The weather managed to hold off for everyone to enjoy a piece of rainbow graduation cake and one last photo together.



As well as saying goodbye to our 20 families, the team also say goodbye to our two HIPPY Tutors who worked with the families. **Emma Childs** and **Jenny Rendell** worked with and supported the families throughout their time with HIPPY and we wish them the best.

2017 Christmas Card Morning Tea

On Thursday 14 September the Western Hub got into the spirit of Christmas thanks to the angelic sounds of the AnglicareSA Singers, as they entertained guests at the Fundraising team's Christmas Card Morning Tea event.

This event kicks off the start of the Fundraising Christmas Season, with the showcasing of the 2017 Christmas Cards. Many of our local parishes were invited to come along and see the new collection and to place orders for sale through their parishes.

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Despite the very wet start to the day we had a fantastic turn out, with over 60 parishioners enjoying the Christmas themed open space and a delicious morning tea.

Christmas Cards are available for sale at both Western Hub and Holden Hill reception areas and online via our website: <http://anglicaresa.com.au/shop/>

Welcome the Babies Expo

On Friday 6 October AnglicareSA once again participated in Welcome the Babies Expo, hosted by Minister **Zoe Bettison**. Our stall included information on services available, a colour in mask activity for kids and community financial bags to give away. It was a busy day and about 150 people took information and brochures, with many children taking masks that they had coloured in.



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Financial Counsellor, Bahar Salehi, pictured with Minister Bettison said: *"It was good to know that we are known in the northern community so well, with community coming up and giving us positive feedback, thanking us, saying that they have either worked or volunteered with us. It was also good to talk to people about various other services and referring them to our website for further information."*

Chaplaincy Meet and Greet at Salisbury

Anglicarers working through our two sites in Salisbury recently met with members of the Parish of St John's Salisbury at St John's for a 'Chaplaincy Meet and Greet' shared lunch. **Prue O'Donovan** (Employee Support Chaplain North) spoke of the role of the Chaplain as a pastoral carer and community connector, including her involvement in 'The Quickest Warmth' and 'Celebration at the Bridge' monthly service at Bridgeview.



Everyone brought food to share and there was plenty (pictured is one of three tables of food)! People were encouraged to find out about each other and there was a lot of good social mixing. Some of the parish members have been involved in the parish and wider community for over fifty years, so there were many good stories shared.

Anglicare Sunday at St Paul's Two Wells



Sunday 8 October was Anglicare Sunday at St Paul's Two Wells, with the Congregation of St Peter's Mallala and St Paul's. A special liturgy was used to focus on AnglicareSA and during the offertory people came forward with all the items they made or purchased and donated. The items, the donors and the perspective recipients were given a special blessing. The sanctuary was full of the generous donations. The Rev'd **Prue O'Donovan** celebrated and preached.

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AnglicareSA staff will continue to spread the word about AnglicareSA and its services in many churches throughout the Diocese of Adelaide over the next couple of months. Thanks to the following staff for taking part in our Anglicare Sunday events: **Kate Rush, Rafael Leal, Maria Reveruzzi, Jacinta Robertson, Tali Warnock, Michael Traynor, Richard Hughes, Nancy Penna, Shirley Callaghan, Pamela Omondi, Peter Buke and Kate McGarry.**

Cathedral Banquet Raffle – 1 in 500 chance to win a new Toyota Corolla!



Tickets are now available for the Cathedral Banquet Raffle. The tickets cost \$100 each, with proceeds going to our Emergency Assistance Programs. First prize is a brand new Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport, and there are also two other fantastic prizes:

2nd Prize: Mercedes Benz SLC car for a weekend plus Pike and Joyce restaurant voucher – valued at \$550

3rd Prize: A nights accommodation for two in the prestigious Mt Lofty House Piccadilly Valley View room – valued at \$479

There are only 500 tickets so if you would like to purchase one you can do so via our website: <http://anglicaresa.com.au/shop/>, or Reception at the Western Hub, 159 Port Rd Hindmarsh.

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
Chief Executive Officer
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