

MEMBERS' UPDATE

April 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Whatever your political colours, the recent South Australian State Election was certainly a very interesting contest, which ultimately saw the election of a majority Marshall Liberal Government.

As one of South Australia's largest providers of social services, we are heartened that the new government has placed priority on a range of social issues such as foster care, disability, and domestic violence, as well as affordable and social housing.

In particular, we appreciate their commitment to Anglicare's Homestretch campaign, which seeks to extend the provision of care to 21 years of age. The Marshall Liberal Government has pledged to raise this threshold within its first 100 days of government.

Homestretch is a fantastic initiative which will make a significant difference to young people as they transition out of care. We look forward to working with the Minister for Child Protection, **Rachel Sanderson MP**, during its implementation.

We will also be working with the new Minister for Human Services, **Michelle Lensink MLC**, who takes on responsibility for housing, disability, mental health and domestic violence.

We will continue to work with all sides of the Parliament and advocate on a range of public policy issues for the benefit of those South Australians in need.

Young Anglicarer becomes an I Choose SA Ambassador



AnglicareSA Speech Pathologist Megan Longbottom has been selected as an [I Choose SA Ambassador](#) for Health and the NDIS. An initiative of Brand South Australia, the campaign focuses on the stories of key industry leaders, why they have chosen SA as a base, and how our state enables them to succeed.

Megan works as an NDIS customer advocate and with children in our Autism Service programs, as well as coordinating the Outreach Autism Therapeutic Service (OATS). Megan chooses to stay in South Australia to change her customers' lives. "Watching a child communicate independently and making a family's life a little easier is an amazing feeling," says Megan. Well done Megan – we are lucky to have you! You can read

Megan's story online: <https://brandsanews.com.au/young-speech-pathologist-finds-a-voice-for-those-who-need-it-most/>

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White Ribbon Accreditation Event

On Wednesday 28 March we celebrated our achievement of White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation with a reception at the Entertainment Centre. White Ribbon Australia's **Stacey Nelan** (pictured below) shared her own personal story, spoke about the Workplace Accreditation program, and presented us with a certificate, and White Ribbon Ambassador, **Derrick McManus** talked about the different ways society views male and female victims of violence.



As I said to attendees, this accreditation is just the start of our journey. To sustain a cultural change we must continue to support those within our own organisation who are impacted by domestic and family violence. With a largely female workforce, our work environment needs to ensure women feel safe to speak up and know they will be listened to and supported in confidence.

We have a range of supports in place to help our employees who are experiencing domestic and family violence, including up to four days of paid leave, access to specialist counselling services, and trained Safe Family Support Officers who are available to work one-on-one with employees to help them put in place steps to ensure their safety.



Me with Learning & Organisational Development Senior Manager, **Valda Parks**, and White Ribbon's **Stacey Nelan**

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Transition to Work Success Story



Eliza Jayne (EJ) came to the Transition to Work program at age 16. EJ had moved in with her father and step mother, due to relationship breakdown with her mother.

EJ faced many challenges in this new environment, and soon relocated to Brighton. EJ was grateful for her coach, **Joanne Sichi** (pictured left with EJ) and all the assistance her coach provided, and wanted to keep working with her, despite the distance. So EJ chose to travel via public transport to the AnglicareSA site for her Transition to Work (TTW) appointments.

EJ enjoyed the Experiential Learning Program: My Move. This sparked her passion to work with food. EJ enrolled into a Certificate II in Kitchen

Operations at Career Employment Group and gained employment with the Hotel Richmond in the city as a kitchen hand. EJ said that she had never eaten so well and that she even enjoyed doing dishes! After a few months of working, the Hotel Richmond offered EJ an apprenticeship as a Chef, which she was thrilled with.

The change in EJ from her initial appointment to post placement support is tremendous, and the whole team is thrilled with her development and how happy she seems now that she is working and on track to meeting her goals. "We have never seen EJ smile so much" remarked TTW Coordinator **Tristan Warneke**.

Wedding Re-enactment at Elizabeth East



When Niki was just a little girl she asked her Grandad to walk her down the aisle when she one day married. So when he was unable to travel to Melbourne for the original ceremony, AnglicareSA brought the wedding to him at his home at our Elizabeth East Residential Aged Care facility. You can watch a video of this touching re-enactment on [our Facebook page](#) (have your tissues handy). This is such a great example of Anglicarers going that extra mile for those who we serve,

my heartfelt thanks to the lovely people at AnglicareSA Elizabeth East.

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2018 Australian Anglican Diaconal Conference

As an Anglican "distinctive" deacon, it was a pleasure to co-host the recent 2018 Australian Anglican Diaconal Conference earlier this month, which attracted attendance from deacons across the country. Set against the background of our iconic St Peter's Cathedral, the conference explored what it means to be a deacon through the theme of 'Walking Sacraments in a Changing World'. Together, through a series of key note discussions, excursions, and worship, attendees reflected on their place in the church and service to the wider community; the connectedness of the sacred and the secular.

"Our worth is not the same as our usefulness" – is the quote from The Reverend Canon Rosalind Brown, the keynote speaker Australian Deacons Conference, which most resonated with me. Often at AnglicareSA we work in utilitarian programs where the person's productivity is the measure of their worth. Our AnglicareSA Vision means that we regard all persons as of equal worth and our Value of Equity means we work hard to ensure those at most risk of injustice, lack of respect and unequal treatment, are enabled to achieve fullness of life.

I was pleased to be able to showcase a number of AnglicareSA services and their vital role in the South Australian community, in fulfilling our mission. While we are proud to employ many people of different faiths and those who hold no religious faith, our organisation's relationship with the Anglican Church is an important part of both our history and our work today. In Anglican terms we are a "Diaconal Ministry" fulfilling the traditional role of deacons in serving the poor and those at the margins of society.



Back row: **Peter Burke, Marian Giles, Susan Hall, Rosalind Brown, Caroline Campbell, Sandra Field, Bishop Tim Harris, Frank Nelson, Jill Rivers, Wayne Philp.** Middle row: **Carol Cornwall, Deborah Jeanes, Peter Chapman, Margo Holt, Hilary Reddrop, Dennis Caporn, Christine Barren, Sandra Temple, Dianne Schaefer, Joan Hart.** Front row: **Judy Holdsworth, Wendy Morecroft, Louise Lang, Gemma Mayfield, Mary Caporn, Margaret Rose, Michael Rogers.** Absent: **Mandy Herriman, Hazel Davies, Nicholas Kerr, me.** Photo courtesy of **Peter March.**

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Launch of Financial Inclusion Action Plan's Annual Report

Last month I attended the launch of the Financial Inclusion Action Plan's (FIAP) Annual Report in Sydney. The FIAP program is led by not-for-profit community organisation Good Shepherd Microfinance, on behalf of the Australian Government, in partnership with the Centre for Social Impact and EY. It brings together 30 of Australia's leading companies and not-for-profit organisations to better support the 2.4 million people in our country who are experiencing severe financial vulnerability.

AnglicareSA was one of the first 12 trailblazer organisations who have now been joined by another 18. As one of the first and very few not for profit agencies asked to join thanks to our hard working staff and volunteers, we can use this status to develop bigger and better ways to serve the financially disadvantaged.

An innovative range of actions have been taken in the first phase of the FIAP program, such as Bank Australia holding financial workshops for Big Issue magazine vendors and Energy Australia dedicating staff to help vulnerable people manage their power bills. You can read more about this great initiative on Good Shepherd's website: <http://goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au/services/financial-inclusion-action-plans-fiap/>



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Harmony Day Celebrations

Anglicarers from across our organisation celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday 21 March. At the Western Hub staff came together for a shared morning tea. It was a very well attended event with a focus on sharing what Harmony Day means to us as an organisation and for some of those who work here. **Lur Alghurabi**, **Peter Burke**, **Craig Wanganeen** and **Maggie Friday** (pictured below with General Manager **Ian Byrne**, second from left) each shared their reflections and personal experiences. The presentations connected diversity and inclusion with understanding, belonging and cultural safety from a range of distinctive perspectives including Aboriginal, Disability, Ethnicity, Religion, Gender and Sexuality. It is hoped that we can continue to build on these themes annually as we participate in Harmony Day in the coming years.



The Holden Hill team celebrated Harmony Day with a shared lunch. "Hello" was displayed in different languages around the room and each staff member brought a plate of food or dessert from their culture to share. Guest speakers from the Settlement Services team spoke about their journey to Australia and how safe they feel here in Australia. Thank you to **Tara Ahmadi**, **Reem Zitawi** and **Bahar Salehi** for sharing your stories. Just another amazing example of how multicultural AnglicareSA has become!



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The City of Mitcham held a multicultural fair on Harmony Day at St Mary's Park Laura Avenue St Mary's. The Anglicare Singers, pictured below, joined members of the parish of St Mary's South Road to make up a choir of 14 to share in some singing for Harmony Day.



Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
 AnglicareSA