

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## August 2016

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

I would like to welcome you all to the first new monthly edition (first edition) of the AnglicareSA Member's Update.

Until now you would have been receiving a bi-annual update from us with news relating to our services and programs. I hope that you would all be open to a more regular, monthly 'newsletter' style update, which will be sent to you at the end of each month.

I welcome your feedback on this new format and should you wish to not receive the update then please reply 'unsubscribe' to this email and we will take you off our distribution list.

I hope you enjoy hearing from us and seeing the fantastic work our staff and volunteers do in the community and our engagement as part of the Anglican Community. Do feel free to share this with others as you feel moved.

The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
CEO

### St John's Anglican Church in Salisbury celebrates Refugee Week

Attendees of St John's Anglican Church's Refugee Week celebrations were treated to a variety of performances including; dancers from the **Adelaide Kurdish Youth Group**, the **Burmese Youth Choir** and self-taught singer, **Dinah George** from Sierra Leone – all pictured below.



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## **Fitness for the Forces gain insight into the life of one of South Sudan's 'Lost Boys'**

As part of Refugee Week, Fitness for the Forces (arming Adelaide's northern suburbs teenagers with the skills to enter the defence forces) was lucky enough to have a very memorable speaker come to talk to them whilst on camp.

David Jock shared his story of growing up as one of the Lost Boys of South Sudan and then shared in a lunch of Vietnamese Cold Rolls made by members of Fitness for the Forces.

Everyone was extremely moved by David's story and it created an opportunity to get them thinking about and to gain some insight into the extreme challenges of people affected by war. David's story is an extremely moving one filled with such hardships – but his positive outlook is infectious and he related so well to the young people.

Jasmine, a young person with Fitness for the Forces wrote: *"I really enjoyed meeting David. Hearing his story really made me think more about life and how I should appreciate things more. He was very inspiring and taught me life lessons that I will continue to try and improve. Definitely a really amazing person!"*



**David** with members of Fitness for Forces.

## **Innovative ideas and happy residents in Elizabeth Grove**

The Elizabeth Grove Housing team recently ran an innovative competition to encourage tenants to organise their hard rubbish collection through the local council. Tenants who booked in for their collection went into the running to win a Coles/Myer gift voucher.

The feedback received from tenants was extremely positive as nothing like this had been arranged before and gave tenants a chance to get rid of some unwanted items. What the winners said;

**Pam:** *"It was great to win and will be a great help towards me redecorating my house. Since Anglicare has taken over, they have done more for me than Housing SA did in 22 years. Thank you very much for the chance to win and all that Anglicare is doing."*

**Wayne:** *"Thanks for the opportunity to enter for a start, it's not very often you find something like that."*

**Jenny:** *"Thank you very much for the opportunity to enter the competition. It was a big surprise to actually win and it will certainly come in handy towards my household food shopping."*

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Well done to the entire team at the Elizabeth Grove site for all your hard work and your commitment to the local community. Keep it up!



Our happy winning tenants with AnglicareSA staff: **Pam, Jenny, Ben Moore (Senior Manager, Housing), Wayne and Aaron Cooke (Tenancy Officer, BPSC Housing).**

## NAIDOC Week celebrations at Western Hub

The Aboriginal Services Team put on a fantastic event at Western Hub to celebrate National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week.

Western Hubbers were treated to a performance from the **Yellaka Dance Group** (Old Wisdom, New Ways), traditional jewellery making lessons, songs and Inma (ceremony) from **Anangu Elders** and Knowledge Keepers and fantastic food by the catering group at Tandanya.

It was a great opportunity to take time out to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.



**Isaac Highfold** (left), and his brother **Kallum**, who made his debut performance.

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Girls from the **Yellaka Dance Group** (Old Wisdom, New Ways).



**Karl Telfer**, leader of Yellaka, with Western Hub staff member **Thuan Nguyen**.



New culture meets old. **Murray George**, an Anangu Elder prepares for the festivities.

## Encountering Anglicanism

The fourth session of Encountering Anglicanism was held at the Western Hub on Wednesday 13 July with 10 participants and 3 Visiting Anglicans.

Once again there were many questions about the systems and structures of the Anglican Church including a question on the process for appointing a new Archbishop.

With the Anglican Visitors present plus Peter Burke as Facilitator and Reverend David Amol (an Anglican Priest also in the Sudanese Engagement Project), there were at least six different answers to this and other questions!

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**Peter Burke (Facilitator) Astra Fleetwood, David Amol with Visting Anglicans Stephen Daughtry and Ann Nadge.**



**Jim Raw (Visiting Anglican) and participants Gino Bria, Maria Reveruzzi, Bikram Bajracharya and Jordan Kiepert.**

**A big congratulations to these recent graduates!**

The graduates pictured below just received their Aboriginal Certificate II Construction Program with Civil Train! All participated in the Aboriginal Power Cup and were supported by Power Generation to enrol and complete the course.



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Power Generation participant **D'Allen Worden** said of the program, *“By being a part of the Power Generation program I successfully gained full time employment through the Jobs4Youth initiative. Throughout the process **Alison [Brougham]** pictured above] was able to help me get some nice clothes for job interviews and to wear to work, as well as helping me create and tailor every individual cover letter and resume for every job I applied for. Because of how invested Alison is in her job she went above and beyond for not only me but for multiple other young Aboriginal students just leaving school.”*

A great testimony to the success of the program and to Aboriginal Services Coordinator, Alison. Well done.

## **White Ribbon – Have a night in, to get the word out.**

White Ribbon Australia invited people to hold events at their homes to help raise awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence.

As White Ribbon supporters, we held our own events at both the Western Hub and Southern Hub sites.

I spoke at the Western Hub event, which was well attended and fantastically catered for by the People and Culture Team.

Domestic violence is something which many of our staff deal with day to day through our services, but it's an issue which many of us will come in contact with at some stage throughout our lives, either through our family or friendships. It's an issue which we need to bring out into the open and talk about if we are going to see any real change in Australian culture.

So it's with this in mind that we are seeking to become an accredited White Ribbon Organisation and help to get the conversation started.



**Ian Byrne, General Manager Marketing and Strategy, me and Grant Reubenicht, Chief Financial Officer** proudly wearing their White Ribbon badges.

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## Healing Centre Concept Launch

**The Don Dunstan Foundation's Addressing Homelessness Conference:** Home is where the heart is: Building hope for mental health and Recovery, was the platform for our launch of the Healing Centre Concept.

**Olive Bennell, Manager Community Integration Partnerships,** and I launched the concept at the conference and through media outlets including ABC Radio, The Advertiser and 5AA.



We announced AnglicareSA's investment of \$1.6 million in purchasing the premises and called for the communities help in raising a further \$500,000 to help with its refurbishment.

The Healing Centre will give homeless people a safe place to stay and deliver long-term, sustainable outcomes. It's an exciting project and one which we hope will see South Australia's homeless transition away from homelessness.

## Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> NDIS customer!

The rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) at AnglicareSA has reached another milestone with AnglicareSA welcoming its 100<sup>th</sup> NDIS customer in July.

To celebrate this milestone, an NDIS afternoon tea was held at the Western Hub on the 28th July where I was able to congratulate all involved in this success.

The gathering listened to speakers as they highlighted the important work that is currently being done with children in the NDIS space, and the difference AnglicareSA staff are making to their experience. The speakers also spoke with an eye to continued success in expanding services at AnglicareSA as the NDIS continues to rollout to all ages in coming months.

The NDIS is an exciting development in the way disability services are accessed and will continue to make a difference in the lives of those who access it.



**Kate Rush, Bridget Knowles, Peter Sandeman, Susan Richards and Daina Wilson** give the thumbs up to 100 NDIS customers for AnglicareSA.

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## Stewardship at work in Aboriginal Services

When talking with **Janelle Saunders**, Aboriginal Projects Officer, it's clear that 'stewardship', one of the five AnglicareSA values, is an important part of the work she does to serve individuals within the Aboriginal Community.

She sees the safeguarding of resources as highly important, *"as it sets the ground work for allowing us to do our utmost in ensuring the most appropriate intervention is given to our clients/team members."*

*"We recently had an aboriginal employee working in an area they found challenging because it was realised by us that they were reliving past trauma. Together with the employee, their supervisor and Aboriginal Services, we strategized on how we could provide the most appropriate intervention to enable them to overcome the difficulties and challenges that were causing the trauma,"* says Janelle.



The outcome was providing intensive support and persevering with them despite their difficulties to change and create opportunities, so they could continue their work in a safe environment where the trauma wasn't reoccurring for them.

By living the value of stewardship, Janelle and her team members worked together with open minds and a 'holistic approach' which saw excellent results for this employee, who is now continuing in a role that is more suited to them and doesn't represent any past life experiences.

Building the capability of those we work with is a fundamental aspect of living stewardship and it's great to see the results through Janelle and the Aboriginal Services Team. Fantastic work everyone!

## Anglicare Sunday comes early at St Richard's Lockleys

Anglicare Sunday is usually held in parishes in October Sunday 9 October in 2016 but the good folk at St Richard's Lockleys have theirs two months earlier (October is already too busy!).

For some years now the parish have supported The Magdalene Centre with special collections of "Socks and Jocks" (described by local **Parish Priest Sue Burgess** as inclusive of 'ladies intimate apparel').

**Peter Burke** spoke about the work of AnglicareSA with a focus on parish partnering and resonances with a similar program overseas which he visited in Cairo Egypt in 2014.

The gospel reading for the day focused on 'heart and treasure' – what is most significant for us as we seek to build care, community and justice – ideal for an Anglicare Sunday.

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St Richard's Lockleys ready for Anglicare Sunday with gifts of Jocks and Socks at the Altar.



**Peter Burke** and **Sue Burgess** Parish Priest St Richard's Lockleys with Socks and Jocks (inclusive of 'ladies intimate apparel') for The Magdalene Centre.

## Celebrating our Foster Carers

Together with Foster Care staff we celebrated the retirement of foster carers **Carol** and **Roger Lewis** with lunch at the Bombay Bicycle Club.

Carol and Roger are retiring after 39 years of fostering, having cared for over 350 children. They are now making a well deserved sea change from Adelaide to the York Peninsula.

It was a great opportunity to recognise the fantastic work they have done for the community and children in their care. It also comes as a timely reminder of the need to support our foster carers with the Child Protection System's Royal Commission recommending additional support and reforms to be made by the government.

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I was able to talk to **ABC Radio** about the need for greater support to encourage more people to become foster carers, with too many of our children in temporary care arrangements due to a foster carer shortage.

And so it was wonderful to celebrate the extraordinary commitment of Carol and Roger, and to see their work being carried on by their daughter and her partner - who have also become foster carers.



**Peter Sandeman** with **Carol** and **Roger** who have made a significant contribution to the lives of many South Australian children over 39 years of foster caring.

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Sandeman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Reverend Peter Sandeman

CEO AnglicareSA

