

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## December 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

The majestic Bonython Hall was the setting for our annual black tie event, the Bonython Banquet on Friday 2 November.

Master of Ceremony **Henry Olonga** led the evening, which saw 330 guests come together to help raise funds for AnglicareSA programs.



The night began with our Angel School, Pulteney Grammar's String Quartet, entertaining guests outside as they enjoyed their pre-dinner drinks. This was followed by the University of Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium Chamber Chorale who wowed the crowd with their angelic voices as they sang while marching down the aisles and onto the stage.



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Later on the Pulteney Grammar School Stage Band performed for the guests, but not before Senior Kurna Custodian of Ceremony **Karl Telfer** and the young Yellaka dancers performed a Greeting to Spirit of Place.



The night's performance was concluded by former The Voice contestant **Rachael Leahcar** whose dynamic vocals and powerful performance left guests speechless.



Another highlight of the evening was the live auction, with auctioneer **Phil Harris** from Harris Real Estate encouraging plenty of enthusiastic bidding for some great items, which were kindly donated to us by our sponsors.

The evening was also an opportunity to relaunch the AnglicareSA 150 Augustus Short scholarship, which was established to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St Peter's Cathedral and the Right Reverend Dr Augustus Short, the first Anglican Bishop in South Australia. Thanks to our generous supporters the scholarship will support a University of Adelaide student commencing in 2019 who has relocated from a rural or remote area, who is experiencing disadvantage.

Our aim was to raise \$175,000 and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and guests we well exceeded this, **raising a total of \$205,000** for our Emergency Assistance and Star Bear programs.

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Thanks to our Major Raffle Sponsor CMI Toyota and CMV Foundation for supporting the raffle. We'd also like to thank our Major sponsors Health Metrics and Your Nursing Agency for their financial support for the banquet.

The annual event will back at the newly renovated St Peter's Cathedral in 2019.

## Supporting New Arrivals with New Threads

As the Thread Together program continues to grow through AnglicareSA programs, we celebrate our partnership between Thread Together and Australian Migrant and Education Services (AMES) Australia.

The Thread Together vans have commenced a fortnightly visit to AMES offering those who are settling into Australia an opportunity to get new clothes for the Australian climate, job interviews or study. The response from the initial visits has been exceptional with over 30 customers receiving brand new clothing for a fresh start, many who arrived to Australia with nothing.

With the support from the AnglicareSA Housing team, the AMES Salisbury team and interpreters, we are able to welcome customers to choose a complete set of new clothes in an inclusive and accepting environment.

AnglicareSA works in partnership with AMES to deliver accommodation services as part of the Federal Government's Humanitarian Settlement Service.



Thread Together's 'Pam' van at a recent visit to AMES

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## A new chapter in the tale of the 'Three Mags'

Since 1905, when St John's Mission Church on Moore Street became known as St Mary Magdalene's church, the name 'Magdalene' has been at the heart of life in Adelaide.

**St Mary Magdalene's** is the mothership of the city's 'Three Mags' which were established from the late 1980s in revival of the church's mission.

In the late 1980s, the 'second mag', the **Collective of St Mary Magdalene** grew from a small group providing sandwiches in Hurtle Square, to a Saturday Night Drop in Centre serving free meals to people experiencing homelessness and marginalisation.

A few years later, St Mary Magdalene's invited neighbouring Anglican Parishes of St John's Halifax Street and St Peter's Cathedral to unite with Anglican Community Services (now AnglicareSA) to offer a weekday support program for people experiencing homelessness and marginalisation.

Through this the 'third mag', **The Magdalene Centre**, was born.

Over time, The Magdalene Centre's service scope has grown across various locations. For some time now, there has been a desire to unify the work of The Magdalene Centre under one roof, to better support its customers.

All three of our Magdalene Centre sites have recently moved to our Gilbert Street site, along with other AnglicareSA programs and services.

While the move will revolutionise how The Magdalene Centre operates, the Three Mags will continue together towards the one mission of supporting those of our city.

**St Mary Magdalene's Church** will continue with liturgical worship and community service with new areas of focus currently under consideration by the parish.

The **Collective of St Mary Magdalene's** Saturday Night Drop in Centre will continue every Saturday Night from 5pm at the **Mission Hall in Moore Street**.

St Mary Magdalene's will remain known as 'A Welcoming, Open and Inclusive Community in the Heart of the City of Adelaide' as it strives to be faithful to God's mission.



Our new welcoming reception area

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## Cans in the Van

Our Hope Mobile has made its first delivery of the Christmas season, with the delivery of 26 boxes of food to the Magdalene Centre on Sunday 11 November.

The donation was thanks to the St Alban's Largs Bay Church community, who held their 'Cans in the Van' event on Saturday 10 November.

They gathered food donations from their local community, reaching out to schools, other church communities and residents who generously donated 26 boxes of non-perishable food. The Church community provided a warm welcome and hospitality with a sausage sizzle and morning tea.

Minister of St Alban's Largs Bay **Simon Hill** said of the day "partnership with AnglicareSA made all the difference to this event actually happening. In partnership we were encouraged to have a go, and that together we could advertise, collect and distribute.

"Working together in these three ways meant that people in the parish experience tangible help that encouraged us and meant alignment of strengths. For example while we could gather the food, it's not our strength to distribute.

"Partnership also meant that when Jill Rivers came to church to discuss the event, there was experienced input as to how we might manage and run the event-which was reassuring for us!"

Thank you to St Alban's Largs Bay and everyone who kindly donated to 'Cans in the Van'.



**Simon Hill** (left) and Anglicarer **Jill Rivers** (right) with volunteers from St Alban's Largs Bay (centre), **Pauline Acott** and **Tania Hill**

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## Walk through the darkness

On Saturday 17 November approximately 200 South Australians walked together and gathered in Henley Square to honour loved ones lost to suicide for the annual walk of remembrance, *Walk through the Darkness*.

The walk provided an opportunity for many people affected by suicide loss to connect with each other, grieve and celebrate the lives of the people they have lost. It is also an important way to promote suicide prevention.

The walk is hosted by our Living Beyond Suicide program and coincides with the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.

It was quite cold, but it was a lovely and poignant service and we were joined by **Premier Steven Marshall**, the Premier's Advisor on Suicide Prevention, **John Dawkins MLC** and the Member for Colton, **Matt Cowdrey MP**.



Participants carrying lanterns at Henley Beach.



Welcome to Country by Karna Elder **Karl Telfer**

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## CfC Onkaparinga Win Children's Week Award

Our Communities for Children (CfC) Onkaparinga team were recently presented with a Children's Week Award at Government House for their school holiday programs. Children are integral in the planning of these programs; the team ask children about what activities they want, which are then delivered in the next school holidays.

CfC Onkaparinga also took part in three community events during Children's Week, a week-long celebration centred on Universal Children's Day. Over 800 children and families from all backgrounds and cultures came together for fun, creativity, sharing, family connection and play. They also had the opportunity to learn about programs, events and other available supports.

This year's events included a Teddy Bears Picnic at Hackham Community Centre, held with the support of a Children's Week Grant, a Family Fun and Feast event organised by O'Sullivan Beach Children's Centre and Aldinga Community Centre's community event.



CfC Onkaparinga's **Belinda Pollard** and **Tracey Malliaros** at the Teddy Bears Picnic

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sandeman'.

The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 AnglicareSA