

MEMBERS' UPDATE

July 2019

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

During July a number of sites held celebrations for NAIDOC Week. Significantly we celebrated our shared future, with the announcement by the Federal Government on Wednesday 10th July that a referendum to recognise Indigenous people in the constitution will be held within three years.

This year's NAIDOC theme was 'Voice.Treaty.Truth.' and this is what is being asked for in the constitution. To give you an idea of what is being asked for and background to this announcement I would encourage you to read the [Uluru Statement of the Heart](#).

As an organisation, AnglicareSA will be doing all that we can in an advocacy role, to support a positive outcome from this referendum.

It's been a long time coming but it's great to see some progress.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Holden Hill – had the privilege of gathering together to learn about NAIDOC week and the opportunity it presents to celebrate this history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our Head of Homelessness Services, **Olive Bennell** treated them to



an amazing speech where you could hear a pin drop as people were so engaged. They heard about the referendums and what they didn't achieve for the Aboriginal people and how much more work is required for us to become one nation. Olive also shared the importance of the Uluru statement and constitutional recognition for Aboriginal people.

A truly engaging morning with the final message being, let's work together for a shared future!

Pictured Left: **Olive** (left), speaking at Holden Hill.



Trott Park - celebrated NAIDOC Week with dot painting activities with watercolours whilst listening to a variety of indigenous music.

The residents who took part, left, greatly enjoyed mixing the colours and were very intent on their paintings.

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In addition to the celebrations, AnglicareSA also sponsored the NAIDOC SA Awards in the category of 'Person of the Year' which went to **Sara Betts**, Sexual Health Worker at the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia. Sara wasn't able to make it to receive her award but you will see our very own **Sonia Waters** amongst the winners pictured left, who's dance troupe Yellaka won 'Business of the Year'. Congratulations to all the winners!

Augustus Short Scholarship Recipient Announced

The first recipient of our inaugural AnglicareSA 150 Augustus Short Scholarship has been awarded to **Lucy Lockwood** from Mount Gambier.

Lucy's dream of studying dentistry at the University of Adelaide seemed out of reach when her father took his life just over two years ago. As a single mother with three children, Lucy's Mum was unable to finance Lucy moving to Adelaide to study.

Determined to find a way into the industry Lucy began working as a dental assistant at a local clinic in Mount Gambier. It wasn't long before Lucy relished an opportunity to travel with a dentist to Timor-Leste, to support local communities dealing with the lack of dental care available in the country. Lucy hopes to use her studies to provide dental services to people in remote Australian communities and developing countries.

Visit our website to read Lucy's story or [click here](#).



Pictured Above: **Lucy** with University of Adelaide Chancellor **Kevin Scarce** and Co-Patron of AnglicareSA and Yours Truly.

The AnglicareSA 150 Augustus Short Scholarship commemorates the 150th anniversary of Adelaide's iconic St Peter's Cathedral and the Right Reverend Dr Augustus Short. Bishop Short was the first Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide. The Adelaide University and AnglicareSA joint-initiative financially supports a commencing student of high academic merit from a rural or remote area, who is experiencing financial hardship or another disadvantage.

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Safe Kids, Families Together

The Sunday Mail ran a two-part editorial on the beginning of our 'Safe Kids, Families Together' pilot program and a feature on myself and my twin brother, **John** on our experiences of being foster children.

SA-first trial diverts kids from state care



REBECCA DIGIROLAMO

MORE than 270 at-risk children could be diverted from South Australia's overwhelmed child protection system by 2021 as a result of a groundbreaking trial starting tomorrow.

Child advocates have praised the \$3 million early intervention pilot program as a good first step, but warn it is a "drop in the ocean" against the growing tide of children entering state care across SA.

The Safe Kids Families Together pilot program, funded by the State Government and run by AnglicareSA, is the first of its kind in SA.

If successful over the next two years, the trial will stem

the flow of children entering out-of-home care (OOHC) by more than 7 per cent or around 270.

The number of children in OOHC was 3921 at April 30 - almost double the number 10 years ago at an additional cost of \$305 million a year.

"If we can respond earlier, to better support families and children considered at risk, then we can prevent more children from entering the out-of-home care system," AnglicareSA community services general manager Nancy Penna said.

The trial is aimed at vulnerable families in Adelaide's northern suburbs - identified by the Government as generating one of the highest numbers of child protection notifications in SA.

Intensive support will be provided to 92 families with histories of domestic violence,



drug and alcohol abuse, mental health and child protection notifications.

Ms Penna said the trial would use strategies that have shown up to 70 per cent of referred families remained together up to a year after being involved in similar programs in the US. Families would receive up to six weeks of intensive, one-on-one, in-home contact with specially trained social workers to address immediate

safety and stabilisation concerns followed by up to six months of therapy on child development, parenting and behavioural change.

South Australia's Guardian for Children and Young People in Care Penny Wright said: "There is no doubt that the best place for children and young people is at home with their families, if they can be safe and cared for there."

Uniting Communities chief executive Simon Schrapel said the State Government was investing about \$4 million in 2019-20 on preventive programs like this compared to an additional \$41.3 million to fund OOHC services for the same period.

"While pilot initiatives like these are commendable, they are no replacement for the statewide strategy and investment needed to address South Australia's crippling rate of

child removals and children remaining in state care," he said.

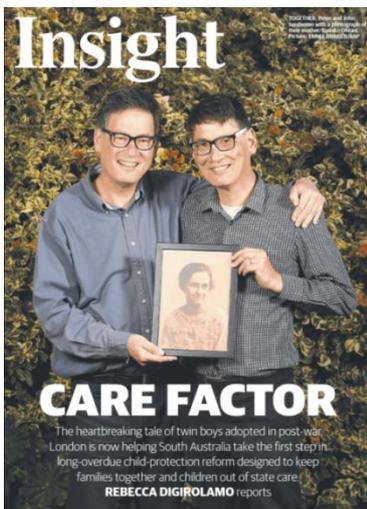
Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink said evidence-based interventions like the AnglicareSA pilot to create sustainable, long-term solutions was the Government's focus in a redesign of SA's child protection system.

She said the Government was consolidating services and staff across departments to create a new intensive support system to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect.

"Early intervention and prevention is a high priority of the Liberal Government so we can begin to stem the flow of children entering the child protection system in South Australia," she said.

INSIGHT: HOW THE EXPERIENCE OF TWIN BABY BOYS ABANDONED IN A LONDON ORPHANAGE IS HELPING TO REFORM SA'S CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM.

Pictured Above: The first article discussed the new program, which aims to stem the flow of children entering out-of-home care by intervening early and providing intensive family support.



Pictured Above: In support of this there is also a feature on myself that gives a real life insight into the foster care system as well as the motivations behind my choices in life and career.

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Communities for Children Onkaparinga Child Friendly Business Awards 2019

This year twenty local businesses received an AnglicareSA Communities for Children Onkaparinga 2019 Child Friendly Business Award. The recipients were presented with their awards by **Nancy Penna**, General Manager, AnglicareSA, Community Services at a family friendly event held at Zone Bowling Noarlunga on Sunday June 16th.



After the formal ceremony the business owners, their families, colleagues and friends participated in an afternoon of bowling with face painting, balloon twisting and afternoon tea.

We offer our sincere congratulations and thanks to everyone involved.

Wanslea and Daphne St Child Care Centres

The children at our child care centres enjoyed a story and a meal with their friends and educators for refugee week. They were read the story "I'm Australian too" by Mem Fox and extended their learning through art and music from around the world. This art was then used to make a beautiful display in the foyers for all our families and visitors to enjoy.



Pictured Above: **Ksenia Martynova** at Daphne Street serves up lunch for the children.

Wanslea decided to continue helping our refugee families by collecting donations for refugee home maker kits. The children will be helping to put these kits together and are excited to be helping other children to be welcomed into Australia.



Pictured Right: **Trish Nunn** reading to the Daphne St children.

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Encountering Anglicanism

Members of the Fundraising Committee of the Board joined Anglicare Employees from programs such as HIPPIY, Home Care and Facilities for the latest session of Encountering Anglicanism held at the Western Hub on Tuesday 26 June.

The fifteen strong group asked lots of questions and got stuck into some topical discussions such as religious freedom, church decline and growth, community engagement, parish partnerships, governance issues, patriarchy, gender and sexuality, and the idea of the church as a sanctuary for people. Archdeacon **Lyn McRostie** shared her experience of the differences between the Church of England and the Anglican Church of Australia in Adelaide, having worked as a Priest in both.

The session coincided with Soup Day so participants were able to order soup in support of the Employee Foundation's appeal for AnglicareSA Funded Programs.



Slurp a Soup Day

The Employee Foundation held Soup Days at Holden Hill, Kilkenny, Playford and the Western Hub over the last two weeks, to raise money for our programs.

They were a great success, collectively raising \$599! With delicious smells wafting throughout our buildings making it hard for people to resist a mug of soup or two.



I enjoyed a mug at the Western Hub which warmed me up nicely.

Thank you to all those who brought a soup along, to the Foundation members who organised the event and to those who supported the event. Let's do it again!

Pictured Left: The team at **Playford** enjoying their soups.

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Have Your Say on Improving Housing for all South Australian's

South Australia is in the process of developing a new Housing and Homelessness Strategy. This will be a vital long-term plan for housing in SA, and we're one of many organisations working to develop a path forward for housing in this state.

The new strategy will be a 10-year plan to reform South Australia's housing system to better respond to current and future housing needs. The Marshall Government is encouraging all South Australians to get involved in engagement activities to help shape the strategy.

Public engagement has now commenced online on the YourSAY website. Visit the site and have your say today at <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au>



New Video Explaining the Adelaide Zero Project

The Don Dunstan Foundation recently released a new video explaining the Adelaide Zero Project – a project which we actively support and which aims to see Adelaide become the first city in Australia to end street homelessness.

You can view this video at to <https://bit.ly/2NXaDG8>.



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Marj celebrates her 101st Birthday



Trott Park resident **Marj Lawrence** celebrated her 101st birthday last month with cake, a lap of honour around the unit and lunch with her daughter **Elaine**.

Marj likes to attend all the music concerts held at Trott Park and loves to attend bingo in the unit area. She likes to stay as independent as possible, and enjoys a smoke or two.

Elizabeth East Aged Care Home gets a facelift

Over the past 2-3 months Elizabeth East Aged Care Home's common areas have undergone a significant transformation.

Here's what the Development and Projects Team have been up to:

- Doubling the size of the dining area
- New fit-out of the servery
- Dedicated resident library/ lounge- with new joinery, floor coverings and painted throughout
- Updated resident lounge- New floor coverings and painted throughout
- Dedicated tea room for residents family members to be able to help themselves to tea and coffee making facilities



The purpose of these works was to create a dining experience that was appealing to residents and would encourage them to leave their rooms and use the communal spaces on offer.

It seems to have done the trick. With residents filling the dining room to maximum capacity since it was reopened.

It looks great! Well done team.

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
 AnglicareSA

