

MEMBERS' UPDATE

June 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,



On Thursday 31 May I launched our [Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (RAP) at the annual Reconciliation in the West event at Tauondi College in Port Adelaide. Building on the work of our first RAP, our Stretch RAP sets out the steps we will take to increase our engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture and service providers.

(Pictured left with a copy of the Stretch RAP is Professor **Peter Buckskin**, Co-Chair of Reconciliation South Australia, who helped me launch the RAP, **Sonia Waters**, AnglicareSA's Aboriginal Services Director and me).

With this year's National Reconciliation Week theme of "Don't Keep History a Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow", the event was an opportunity for the community to come together to share and celebrate local Aboriginal culture and history.

Over 1000 people attended the celebration, which featured interactive stalls, artwork, musicians, dancers and food, including the wonderful music of the talented **Ellie Lovegrove** and **Nancy Bates**, pictured below.



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The Kalaya Children's Centre, pictured above, were one of the many other performers. There were many highlights from the event, including Communities for Children doing Bubble Soccer, and the smiles on the faces of some of the Elders and their thankfulness for receiving new clothing through Thread Together.



Our programs and services were well represented at the event. Pictured above (standing): **Ashleigh McCullagh, Roisin Thomson, Leah Sarkanj** and (seated): **Ashleigh Edwards, Kacey Jansen**.

Reconciliation in the West is an initiative of Reconciliation South Australia, AnglicareSA, Uniting SA, and Life Without Barriers.

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Beyond Bank Partnership

We have formed an exciting new partnership with Beyond Bank which will benefit our Turning Point program, as well as our employees and volunteers. Turning Point provides short-term emergency accommodation to single parent homeless families.

Beyond Bank is 100 percent owned by its customers; they use their profits for purpose. As the first bank in Australia to be B-Crop Certified, they have met the highest standard of social and environmental performance, transparency and accountability.

Beyond Bank's support for the Turning Point program includes a commitment of \$75,000 over three years, as well as encouraging its customers to support the program through their Community Reward Program. They are also offering some great discounts for AnglicareSA employees and volunteers.



Adelaide Zero Project takes to the streets



More than 200 volunteers from the Adelaide Zero Project took to the streets from 14 to 18 May to identify and collate information to form a database of every person sleeping rough in and around the CBD. Connections Week marked the start of the project's implementation stage, and is an important first step in ending homelessness in Adelaide by 2020.

The volunteers found that 143 people were sleeping rough in the CBD, an increase of 18 percent compared to the 121 people found in the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistic Census. One in three people had been living on the streets for more than two years, with nearly three quarters of them reporting a physical health problem, and almost half a mental health condition.

The survey results formed the basis of the By Name List, whereby an up to date list of street homeless people will be maintained and worked through as support and housing enable the most urgent people to come off the list. Read more about the [Adelaide Zero Project online](#).

Pictured above: **Ian Cox** CEO Hutt Street Centre, me, Minister **Michelle Lensink** and Reverend Dr **Lynn Arnold** Chair of Trustees of Don Dunstan Foundation (and Priest at St Peter's Cathedral, ex CEO AnglicareSA).

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Communities for Children Child Friendly Business Awards 2018

This year 16 local businesses received an AnglicareSA Communities for Children (CfC) Onkaparinga 2018 Child Friendly Business Award. The awards went to businesses who go above and beyond in ensuring they are a welcoming and safe environment for families visiting with children, supporting local community groups and services, and providing a supportive workplace with work and family balance for themselves and their employees.

The Child Friendly Business Awards are a CfC Onkaparinga initiative funded by the Federal Government and facilitated by AnglicareSA. They were created as a means of recognising businesses for supporting children and families in the local community.

The recipients were presented with their awards by the Honourable **Amanda Rishworth MP**, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Development and Federal Member for Kingston at a family friendly event held at Zone Bowling Noarlunga on Sunday 27 May.



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.

Congratulations to all the winners!

- Adelaide Family Chiropractic
- Blue Pepper Restaurant
- Cool Frogs Early Childhood Education Christie Downs
- Down The Line Tennis Coaching
- Fasta Pasta Christies Beach
- Gourmet Gluten Free Bakery
- Jungle in Willunga
- Lollipops Playland & Café Happy Valley
- Morphett Vale Function Centre
- NINE 50 restaurant and bar
- Paxton Wines

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- Pepper Tree Aldinga
- The ESPY Bakehouse
- Toddler Sense South Australia
- True Heights Dance Company
- Wallis Cinemas Noarlunga

Renovations at Westbourne Park and Brompton

I'm excited to report that we are undertaking renovations at our Westbourne Park and Brompton Residential Aged Care sites to improve the environment for residents, visitors and staff.

At Westbourne Park, we are upgrading the Ackland wing to make it more inviting and homelike for the residents living with dementia. The upgrades include a new "sensory room", better access to the courtyard, changes to the entrance and living room, as well as painting and new blinds in the communal areas. Building works started on 28 May.

The renovations at Brompton include the refurbishment of all resident bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms. The main courtyard, activity room, ground floor dining room and reception area/foyer will also be upgraded. The works will be completed across 10 stages, and are expected to take a maximum of 44 weeks to complete.



Before and after photos of the Ackland communal area at Westbourne Park, with the improvements revealing a much more open space.



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Spotlight On: Bail Accommodation Support Program

Last month the Bail Accommodation Support Program (BASP) turned one. The only service of its kind in Australia, the program provides short-term accommodation and support for alleged offenders who are on bail, who would otherwise be homeless or detained in custody.

Manager of the BASP, **Richard Hughes** explains the program is part of the Department for Correctional Services' strategy to reduce reoffending by 10 percent by 2020.

"Out of every ten people who go into custody, about seven will return," says Richard. "The BASP program takes a participant centric approach to facilitate immediate stabilisation needs, link tenants in with longer term housing options and provide access to other assistance, like mental health or drug and alcohol services."



The BASP runs from our site in Port Adelaide, known as The Arches. There are 30 self-contained accommodation units, each with their own ensuite bathroom, kitchen, bed, wardrobe and TV. Tenants also have access to phone and internet during their stay.

Richard explains what happens when a tenant first arrives on site. "We undertake a personal wellbeing index to find out more about the person and their needs, and then we take them through a site induction and unit inspection" says Richard. "They also sign a tenancy agreement which outlines the conditions of their stay, which is usually between 14 and 28 days."

The BASP works in partnership with other AnglicareSA programs, working particularly closely with the Housing team. Thread Together provide new clothing as many tenants arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. The Elizabeth Mission cook meals for the site, which are delivered and frozen, ready to provide a nourishing meal for participants on their first night.

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Young Leaders Along for the Ride

A passionate group of young people at the Elizabeth Skate Park are acting as leaders and drivers for change in their local community. The Elizabeth Riders' Committee (ERC) is supported in partnership by Reconnect Playford's **Emily Pearson** and the City of Playford's **Evan Dalziell**, and are all passionate about BMX bikes, scooters and skateboards.



ERC encourages young people to become involved with their local skate park while gaining confidence in their skills. As part of the ERC program, youth mentors are selected from within the group for their natural leadership skills and passion for community work.

ERC presents workshops to organisations and local government across South Australia to advocate for young people's increased involvement in recreational planning.

The committee also upskills young people and supports them into career pathways. ERC members achieve skills in event management, teaching, presentations, community feedback, first aid and business partnerships.



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Children's Art on Display

Communities for Children Onkaparinga and Playford held children's art exhibitions recently as part of the 'What is Important to Me Children's Art Display', a collaboration between six South Australian Communities for Children sites. This is the fifth year that all six South Australian Communities for Children sites have invited children from their local communities to participate in the 'What is Important to Me' project.



Children who took part were invited to draw something important in their lives. Exhibition attendees were then invited to vote on their favourite three pieces of art, the most popular of which will be included in the 2019 Statewide Communities for Children Creative Kids Family Calendar.

Communities for Children Onkaparinga held their exhibition at the Woodcroft library on 19 and 20 May, where over 400 people enjoyed looking at the children's artwork and reading what the children wrote about what's important to them. Many of the families also took part in the free activities provided by Communities for Children Onkaparinga, the AnglicareSA HIPPIY program and the Woodcroft Library.

In Playford, over 70 people attended their art display on Thursday 17 May, where they shared a meal together and enjoyed more than 200 art entries from local schools and community groups. The top 30 pieces were then displayed in the foyer of The Platform at Elizabeth.

Pictured above left: CfC Onkaparinga artist **Nathan**



Pictured left: CfC Playford artists, **Declan, Zyliah and Taliesha**

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Very Warm Response to Blanket Appeal

On the morning of Saturday 2 June St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Norwood became a hotspot for people and gifts of blankets and other winter warmers at the 'Blanket Adelaide with Love' Appeal, now in its third year. Sponsored since 2016 by the Grace Anglican Network (Churches at Norwood, Kensington and St Morris) and AnglicareSA, St Theodore's Toorak Gardens joined in this year as well.

Through an active postcard promotion in local neighbourhoods and beyond the response this year according to key organiser **Jill Rivers** was three times as large as it was last year. It was pleasing to see so many people from local churches and the wider community come with donations including a significant amount of new items purchased specially for the appeal.

Among the many stories was one of a nine year old boy donating a brand new back pack and asking questions about what will happen next to it. We are planning to repeat 'Blanket Adelaide With Love', as well as the 'Stuff the Bus' Christmas Food Appeal that commenced last year.



Appeal volunteers **Harvey, Robert, Emma, Mim, and Paula**

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Volunteer Week Wrap-Up

May 21-27 was National Volunteer Week, an opportunity to stop and say thank-you to our wonderful volunteers. This year we gave out a total of 56 service pins to some of our longstanding volunteers, including four services pins to volunteers who have completed 20 years of service at the Elizabeth Mission, the Magdalene Centre and Peppertree Fashions. Many of our sites acknowledged the great work of their volunteers with a range of celebrations across AnglicareSA.



Elizabeth East held lunch for their volunteers. Back row; **Hope Blake, Pauline Young, Les Young Robert Ritter**. Front row: **Christine Chapman with Pet Therapy Dog Leo, Annette Deverson and Anna Ryan**



Cathedral Fashions celebrated with morning tea. Pictured centre are volunteers **Marcell and June**, with staff members **Shenay and Jade**.

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Food Bank volunteers celebrated with an afternoon tea. Front row: **Renaë, Jimmy, Tracy, Russel, and Rachel.** Back row: **Tammy, Priscilla, Diane, and Junice**



The volunteer celebration at the Magdalene Centre

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Mary's Pantry Emergency Assistance Volunteers Wallaroo **Mike Dixon, Margie Davies, Ian Murdoch, Joan Hill** and **Christina Brennan** enjoy breakfast together

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
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