

MEMBERS' UPDATE

June 2019

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Board and Committee Members visit Community Services

Nancy Penna had the pleasure of providing an interactive tour for our Board and Committee members on 12th June 2019 of our Northern Community Service sites.

The bus took a journey around Elizabeth, starting at Bridgeview where the **Disability and Mental Health** team have developed an innovative and responsive accommodation service for our customers. Next stop was the new Playford Boulevard site seeing the new facilities for our Allied Health and Therapy Services and meeting and hearing from staff in our **Out of Home Care and Child Protection team**.

The bus then took a short trip over the road to The Platform to meet with our **Community Engagement and Youth Services team** and then finally onto the Elizabeth Mission for a tour of this longstanding site and opportunity to hear more about the work of our **Community Support programs**.

The Board and Committee members, who volunteer their expertise and time, expressed thanks to our staff and volunteers for the great work they do to strengthen our communities.



Above: AnglicareSA's **Kate McGarry, Mary Awata, Nancy Penna** and **Sonia Waters** with Board and Committee Members.

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Board and Committee Tour – Aged Care Services

Daniel Aitchison, General Manager Aged Care Services invited the Board and sub-committee members to undertake a tour of Grange and Westbourne Park. This visit provided an opportunity for Board and Committee members to view the two residential aged care sites, visit the connected allied health services and retirement living units. The tour was a wonderful way for Board and Committee members to meet, interact, and ask questions of the managers of these programs.



Housing Team Win Prestigious Awards



Last month two Anglicarers from the Housing team walked away with prestigious awards from the Australasian Housing Institute (AHI) Awards.

Ben Moore, Head of Housing Operations won the Outstanding Achievement Award for his 'significant achievements working in social housing that goes beyond their team and organisation and is likely to have long-term impact on the housing profession and the industry as a whole.'

Vicki Tsimoris, Intensive Tenancy Support Officer won the Inspirational Team Member Award. This award is given to 'a person who is passionate about their role and understands how it fits into the strategic outcomes of their organisation and the value of social housing. They consistently demonstrate enthusiasm to add value to their role and motivate others within their team and/or organisation by the approach they take to their work.'

So congratulations Vicki and Ben and to the Housing and Homelessness team, whose efforts over the past 12 months have seen such great outcomes for those we support.

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Rental Homes Wanted for New Arrivals to South Australia

Our Housing Team have been providing housing support to new arrivals for over 15 years. The support starts from the moment they arrive, helping them settle into their temporary accommodation, through to assisting new arrivals find an ongoing private rental.

We have many customers who are now ready to transition into long term accommodation and we are looking for low maintenance 2,3 and 4 bedroom homes for our clients to rent directly from private landlords and agents in the Salisbury and Marion Council areas. Our customers come from varied backgrounds and have different reasons for arriving in South Australia as refugees. First-hand experience has shown us that our customers are very appreciative of the security that housing provides and in return they are very house proud.

By helping provide a safe and secure home base, new arrivals can begin to become part of their local community, pursuing training, education and employment opportunities. We provide tenancy support to assist our customers for up to 18 months.

If you're a landlord or know someone with a property to rent in the Salisbury or Marion Council areas we'd love to hear from you. Please phone 8209 6660 or email hspsettlement@anglicaresa.com.au

For more information about our Settlement Services Program, including testimonials from property managers, please refer to <https://anglicaresa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Settlement-Services-Info-for-Landlords.pdf>



Above: The **Makangira** family, supported by AnglicareSA, in front of their first home in South Australia.

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Reconciliation Week at Wanslea

At Wanslea they pride themselves on their commitment to including Aboriginal perspectives in their curriculum all year round.

During the month, they extended the learning by sharing aboriginal stories, art, music, history and other aspects of Aboriginal culture to promote awareness of the steps Australia has taken towards Reconciliation.

All children and educators helped create art and displays around the centre to represent the meaning behind reconciliation, the Kinder children were exceptionally proud of their nature display which commemorated National Sorry Day.

As a centre they have enjoyed learning about walking together and being part of an inclusive community which celebrates right indigenous culture and history.



BPSC Men's Health Week Event

Our Better Places Stronger Communities (BPSC) Program recently identified a need for greater engagement from our male tenants. As part of their improvement strategy they hosted a Men's Health Week event and it was a great success.

The day was excellent with many new faces coming out and hearing some relevant health messages and engagement options to assist with their own personal care and also social isolation. An amazing, loaded steak sandwich was offered for lunch and the men enjoyed 8-ball, darts and lawn bowls competitions, ensuring that they beat the AnglicareSA staff comprehensively.



Pictured Left: AnglicareSA's **Aaron Cooke** and **Bikram Bajracharya** from our Community Engagement team, with a number of our tenants at the Elizabeth Vale Soccer Club.

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Refugee Week

In June, Refugee Week was held and we celebrated refugees and the significant contribution they make to our unique multicultural society.

Events took place across the organisation as we 'Shared a Meal and Shared a Story' – the theme of this year's Refugee Week.

I joined the celebrations at the Western Hub where we heard from Parwana Afghan Kitchen's proprietor **Mr Zelmai Ayubi**. Mr Ayubi's story is a familiar one, fleeing from Afghanistan where he was persecuted as an educated man, arriving in Pakistan with his wife and four daughters, before finally making his way to Australia.

As many refugees are, he was focussed on making the most of the opportunities Australia presents, and giving back to his community here in Australia and in his home country. Mr Ayubi provides food to the homeless through the Hutt St Centre and the Salvation Army and purchases staples such as rice, sugar and tea for his community back in Afghanistan.

If you haven't been to Parwana the food is absolutely delicious and definitely worth heading to.



Pictured Left: **Mr Ayubi** with **Mary Awata**, Principal Multicultural Services and **myself**.

Pictured Below: **Elizabeth Mission's** Refugee Week celebrations included guest speakers **Abed** and **Fatima** from Syria, who went through a long journey to arrive in Australia and are in the process of opening their own cooking business from home.



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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Our Residential Aged Care Facilities and the Western Hub held events for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The sites were a sea of purple with residents taking part in raising awareness for this global issue which affects the health, well-being, independence and human rights of millions of older people around the world.



Above: On Tuesday 11th June at AnglicareSA Westbourne Park the residents – **Margaret, Pauline, Ian, Florence** and **Gloria** all enjoyed making and putting together the Purple flowers in the craft activity for the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day display in the foyer near the café



Above: **Daniel Aitchison**, General Manager, Aged Care Services speaks at the Western Hub event.

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A Bundle of Blessings at St Mary's Wallaroo

Mary's Pantry at St Mary's Anglican Church Wallaroo (Part of the Parish of the Copper Coast) is one of our rural and remote emergency assistance sites. Through this service partnership we have also supported the development of a Community Garden and improved toilet facilities through a Parish Community Engagement Grant.

On Sunday 16 June there was a special celebration of 'A Bundle of Blessings' which included a blessing of the Community Gardens, toilet facilities and a boat made by a member of the parish.

Reverend Canon **Ali Wurm** (Parish Priest and Board Member for Anglicare Willochra) and Bishop **John Stead** (Bishop of Willochra) presided over the blessings which were followed by a parish lunch. **Cathy Obst** (Coordinator Mary's Pantry), **Rob Foggo** (Consultant Rural and Remote Partnerships) and **Peter Burke** (Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement) were present.

Below: **Peter Burke** planted a lemon tree to celebrate the blessings of the Community Garden with the quip "If life gives you lemons, add some of your own sweetness, and make lemonade!" to the attendees of 'A Bundle of Blessings' in the community gardens.



Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
 AnglicareSA