

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## May 2019

Dear AnglicareSA Members,



Thanks to all of our donors who supported our 2019 Autumn Appeal. Thanks to your generous donations \$29,000 was raised to support our Thread Together Program.

This money will help the program to keep their vans on the road providing brand new end of line clothing to those in our community who are doing it tough. As the winter weather creeps in the van will be restocking with warmer clothing ready to keep away the winter chill.

Thanks to Program Coordinator Shenay Wilson-Casey and her team of volunteers for their hard work and dedication to this program.

### Trinity Students Visit Thread Together



**Did you know that on average, 10 boxes of Thread Together stock has a retail value in excess of \$21,000?**

On Wednesday 3 April, students from Trinity College in Gawler assisted Thread Together with unpacking 30 boxes of stock and preparing the van for site visits. The students were blown away by the value and quality of garments that Thread Together distributes to those in need, and learned about waste within the apparel industry.

“These clothes are actually cool, why throw them away? I’d totally wear these clothes” said Dylan, Year 6 student whilst unpacking the boxes.

We spoke to the students about how we feel when we wear something new for the first time and how important the program is for restoring confidence and dignity.

“Thread Together is not only good for the community, but the planet too. It doesn’t make sense for this to go to waste” said Bailey, Year 7.

Thank you to the students of Trinity College for all your assistance!

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## 2019 Rental Affordability Snapshot

The results from the Rental Affordability Snapshot were released last month with sadly more bad news for South Australians, with a little over 3% of properties listed being affordable for households on income support.

The snapshot surveyed rental properties available in the Adelaide area on Saturday, 23 March 2019. Properties were assessed for affordability and appropriateness for a number of different household types and incomes. This survey defined an affordable rental as one which took up less than 30% of the household's income, a common indicator of 'housing stress'.

As an organisation we are actively planning to help with this housing crisis, with one measure being to increase the number of affordable and community houses.

To see more on the snapshot, head to our website <https://anglicaresa.com.au/2019-rental-affordability-snapshot/>



## CALD Leaders Forum

Last month we were proud to launch a unique portfolio of videos featuring people and their families from a multicultural background living with disability at our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Leaders' Forum.

In the videos our clients tell their story in their mother tongue, as we attempt to battle stigma associated with mental health and disability across our diverse communities. They remind us that mental health and disability can impact anyone.

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Thank you to all our participants, National Disability Insurance Agency, local community leaders and their multicultural organisations for their support. We hope the videos will see more families reach out for support and look forward to sharing them via our website soon.



Pictured: **Naquibullah** who features in one of our videos, **Mwajemi** who also features in our videos and is part of our Family Connect Team and **Shaya** from our Business, Strategy and Projects Team.



Pictured: Community member **Simon Mboki** with **Mabok Mario**, Chairman African Communities Council.

## Staying connected in Elizabeth East

Recently, St Thomas More School's Principal **Chris Platten**, Education Support Officer **Leanne Fisher** and six year four students visited AnglicareSA's Elizabeth East site to present our residents with pictures their class had designed as part of their community outreach program.

These pictures are for us to display and they will be returning on another visit to present us with new pictures to be placed in our main hall for everyone to enjoy.

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**Cynthia Hamdorf** and **Mary-Anne Watson** from the Elizabeth East Lifestyle Team were there to receive these along with residents **Bill Prentice** and **Lil Davidge**, with everyone enjoying a light morning tea.



It is great that we are able to stay connected with our local community.

Pictured: **Cynthia Hamdorf** (left) and **Mary-Anne Watson** (centre) from the Elizabeth East Lifestyle Team, with students, Principal **Chris Platten** and Education Support Officer **Leanne Fisher**.



Above:

Elizabeth East residents **Lil Davidge** and **Bill Prentice** with the lovely artwork.

## Network Meeting in Brisbane

The Anglicare Australia Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network met in Brisbane on 15 - 17 April with five members of the Mission and Anglican Community Engagement Team participating.

The focus of the network gathering was on 'Encouraging Inclusive Communities' and focused on the theology and practice of inclusion and diversity in areas such as disability and homelessness as well as pastoral care through parish engagement.

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National and local presenters shared their knowledge, experience and insights with the gathering including a 'retreat afternoon' and a visit to 'The Women's Home Away from Home' in Toowong, a recently expanded housing and support site for women escaping family violence.

The network gathering was held in the precinct of St John's Cathedral Brisbane with times of prayer and reflection held in the Cathedral where there is also a significant engagement with rough sleepers in the city through a local Deacon who is also a Medical Practitioner.

Participants of the network appreciated this opportunity for professional development in a specific area of the life of Anglicare organisations across Australia with every State and Territory represented excepting Tasmania and the ACT.



Pictured: Participants in the network gathering in Brisbane including Anglicare Employee Support Chaplains, **Paula Bullock**, **Prue O Donovan**, **Carol Cornwall**, **Jill Rivers** (Parish Community Engagement Worker) and **Peter Burke** (Network Convenor)

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 AnglicareSA