

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## November 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Last month we celebrated the achievements of some amazing employees, volunteers and foster carers at our annual Amazing Anglicarers Awards.

Held at the Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 17 October, the event was an opportunity to once again recognise the achievements and extraordinary contributions of some exceptional individuals and teams.

With an audience of special guests coming together for the event, it was also a great way of showcasing the diverse range of programs and services we provide to the community.

We received over 60 nominations for this year's awards, making judging very difficult for myself and the Executive team.

Thank you to everyone who nominated, and congratulations once again to all our winners and finalists!



The **Transition Care Program** team accept their award for High Achievement Award in the Employee Team category

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“The Dynamic Duo” with their High Achievement Award in the Volunteer Team category



Georgina Koen accepts her Achievement Award in the Employee category

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## Big BBQ for Anti-Poverty Week

AnglicareSA has been helping raise awareness of the causes and consequences of poverty by hosting a range of activities throughout Anti-Poverty Week recently.

On Thursday 18 October we hosted The Big BBQ at the Elizabeth Mission. There was a fantastic turnout for the event, with around 200 people coming along to enjoy a BBQ lunch, stalls, giveaways, activities and live music.

The event also had the support of many other organisations, including FoodBank SA, Playford Council, SA Police, Metropolitan Fire Service, Cancer Council, RSPCA and Headspace, to name just a few.

Thanks to all the volunteers who were involved!



Staff Support Chaplain **Prue** with volunteers **Cameron** and **Gail**

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## Thread Together at Hair Aid

One of our Thread Together vans went along to the Hair Aid event on Sunday 14 October to help out members of the community doing it tough with some new clothing.

Held at the Junction Community Centre, the annual event saw a wonderful group of hairdressers volunteering their time to complete a national record of 231 free haircuts throughout the day.



Thanks to their generosity, some of the most vulnerable in our community were able to leave the event with renewed self-confidence and a bounce in their step. It is amazing how much of a difference such a simple service can make!

The Thread Together van, hosted by Anglicarers **Maria Reveruzzi** and **Shenay Wilson-Casey** provided 91 customers with new clothing.

The feedback was very positive, with one recipient stating *“What an amazing service for the community, my son struggles with money and clothes are the last thing he will buy. I so love this van!”*

It was a fantastic event, with a positive and inclusive atmosphere created by the diverse attendees throughout the day.



**Zoe, Julie and Zac Farmer** each received brand new clothing courtesy of Thread Together

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## Spotlight On: AnglicareSA Brompton

AnglicareSA Brompton is one of our Residential Aged Care facilities and since 2004, it has supported residents from a homeless background or those at risk of homelessness with drug, alcohol and mental health issues.

The 40-bed facility has almost 50 staff and one volunteer that work towards tailoring care to each individual and providing a home like environment.

Care Manager, **Shirley Essex** said people are referred via the Exceptional Needs Unit of the Department of Health and at the moment there is a ratio of 20 per cent females to 80 per cent males, with ages ranging from 47 to 81.

The facility is the only one of its kind in SA.

*"For some of our clients it may be the first time they've had their own bed, let alone a room. Their personal possessions are often small and they may only have the clothes on their back" Shirley said.*

Assistant care manager **Corinne Shawcross** said: *"Our residents have complex needs – they're a marginalised group who are really vulnerable and quite often they have not had the safety or security of a front door for a long time.*

*"When their health deteriorates and other accommodation options have been explored and housing is not an option, a process through the Exceptional Needs Unit is commenced with a view to an admission at Anglicare Brompton."*



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For over a decade, Shirley and Corinne (pictured above with resident **Julie**, centre) have enjoyed every minute of getting out there with residents, and have always felt that working at Brompton is a privilege.

Many of our residents do not have family contact and so they look to our staff for sharing special memories and occasions.

*"It's all about the person, listening to their stories and trying to help improve their life quality."* Shirley said.

AnglicareSA Brompton is currently undergoing an upgrade for the first time since it was opened. The Property team are working with the staff, residents and builders and renovating four rooms at a time. To date eight rooms have been completed and the kitchen and lifestyle areas will also be renovated during this project.

Each resident has a single room with a private ensuite. The renovated rooms have been modernised with built-in wardrobes TV, desk, display shelving, and individually adjustable air conditioning. New paint work has also made the rooms feel brighter and new.

The facility is funded by the Commonwealth (aged care funding) and State Governments and is a part of our Aged Care Services.



Two of the refurbished bedrooms

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## Anglicare Sunday at St Michael's Mitcham

**Kate McGarry**, Senior Manager Community Services AnglicareSA spoke at two services at St Michael's on Sunday 21 October.

This celebration of Anglicare Sunday focused on the work of AnglicareSA in the northern areas, especially the Elizabeth Mission.

The parish has regularly supported the Elizabeth Mission in recent years.

The Priest at St Michael's, **Reverend David Covington – Groth** is also a member of the Council of AnglicareSA Ltd.



**Reverend Margaret Annells** (Associate Priest), **Kate McGarry**, **Reverend David Covington – Groth** (Parish Priest)

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## HIPPY Onkaparinga Graduation

HIPPY Onkaparinga recently celebrated its 2018 Graduation at Taikurrendi Children's and Family Centre. In keeping with the Kurna word Taikurrendi, the 26 graduating families enjoyed "mixing together" to celebrate their learning over the past two years. Over 100 people took part in a ceremony and enjoyed BBQ lunch, games, and farewell presents.



The class of 2018

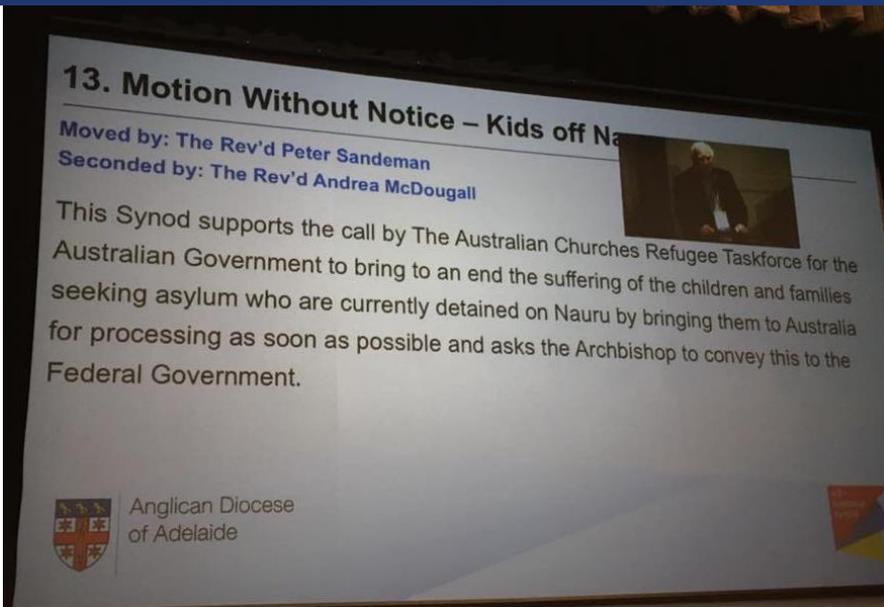
HIPPY is a two-year, home-based, early learning and parenting program that supports parents with their child's school-readiness, to help them develop a love of learning that lasts throughout their lives.

Both of our two HIPPY sites, Onkaparinga and Elizabeth, also recently celebrated 20 years of HIPPY in Australia. Over 40 families, including 90 children came together for pizza, cake and party games.

## 2018 Synod and Annual General Meeting

On 20 and 21 October I attended and spoke at the annual Synod meeting and reported to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at St Peter's College. I am pleased to report there was unanimous support for Kids off Nauru.

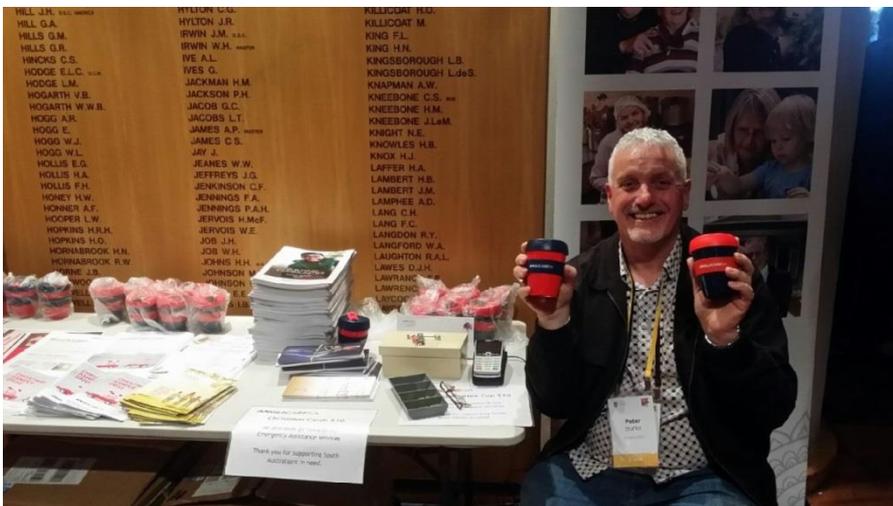
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Both Synod and the AGM were very well attended and gave me the opportunity to highlight the fantastic programs and projects AnglicareSA teams have been working so hard on over the past 12 months.

We used the opportunity to launch our Annual Report, which was very well received. It's now available on our [website](#) and printed copies are being distributed.

We also had a stall with information about our Christmas Hamper Appeal and Refugee Homemaker Kit Program, as well as Christmas Card and 'keep cup' sales, which were very popular.



Director Mission & Anglican Community Engagement, **Peter Burke** at the AnglicareSA stall.

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 AnglicareSA