

MEMBERS' UPDATE

September 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Last month we launched our *Moments that Matter* foster carer campaign to inspire more people to become foster carers.

The number of children in out of home care in South Australia has increased 98 per cent in the past 10 years. At 30 June 2017, approximately 3,300 children and young people were in State care. The need for foster carers in our state has increased dramatically due to an escalation in both the number of children entering care and the time children are residing in care.

Nationally, SA has the highest percentage of children in the care system residing in non-family based care. Foster carers are needed now more than ever, to provide a loving home to a growing number of vulnerable children and young people.

We need our foster care community to be as broad and diverse as the general South Australian community, and the *Moments that Matter* campaign is designed to attract potential carers from all walks of life. The campaign will run for an initial period of six weeks and includes social media, radio and billboard advertising. To watch the series of six campaign videos go to:

www.youtube.com/user/AnglicareSA/videos



Pictured with me at the campaign launch on Tuesday: the **Hon. Rachel Sanderson MP** (Minister for Child Protection), AnglicareSA foster parents **Emma** and **Craig**, with their two biological children **Kitty** and **Jasper**.

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Spring Appeal 2018

We recently launched our Spring Appeal, with the aim of raising funds for our Star Bear and Star Bound Family Camps. These camps make a significant, positive difference in the lives of children and families.

Since 2002 Star Bear and Star Bound camps have supported close to 1,000 grieving children and young people through the debilitating fear and loss they experience after losing a sibling, parent or other significant person in their lives.

Grief can be very isolating, even within the closest families. Parents and carers often tell us they don't know how to deal with their own grief let alone how to help their children grieve. That's why we have decided to expand our service to now offer Star Bound Family Camps.

These camps see families come to camp together and learn as individuals and as a family group how to manage their own grief and how to help each other.

We rely on the generosity of donations and volunteers to deliver this much needed program. If you can help by making a tax deductible donation please [visit our website](#) and give what you can.



One of the many families that Star Bear has helped over the years

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Anglicare Sunday Comes Early at Lockleys

The good people at St Richard's Lockleys are early adopters and this includes Anglicare Sunday which happened a good two months before anyone else!

On Sunday 4 August, **Peter Burke** was invited to speak about the work of Anglicare in association with the 19 Photographic Posters which had been produced earlier this year. They looked good around the church as 34 extra parishioners (and one puppy dog) joined the 70 or so attending the two services.

Parish members brought 'Jocks and Socks' as is their custom offering. There were also handmade scarves and beanies thrown in for good measure as well as a monetary donation to AnglicareSA arising from a simple Soup Luncheon after the second service.

Anglicare Sunday officially commences on Sunday 14 October in association with Anti-Poverty Week (14 – 21 October) and will continue into November and December in the lead up to the Annual Christmas Appeal.



Peter Burke with Reverend Sue Burgess Parish Priest, St Richard's Lockleys

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Thanks for taking the plunge!

Those who took up the challenge to Cold Plunge at Glenelg on Sunday 5 August might have got more than they bargained for!

With storms forecast, giant waves and a weather temp of about 14 degrees it was like a scene out of a Hollywood blockbuster (ok maybe not that bad). However, not even the crashing waves could stop those dedicated to the cause.

About 40 people ran into the ocean and jumped about for five minutes all in the name of charity. We had members of local parliament, sports teams and even a local labradoodle braving the conditions.

A special thanks to our Senior Manager of Customer, Strategy and Service - **Kathryn Eaton**, who gathered a group of her friends and waved the flag for AnglicareSA.

The Rotary Club of Glenelg are still calculating the total funds raised for the event, with AnglicareSA's Magdalene Centre set to receive a quarter of the proceeds.

Thanks to The Glenelg Rotary Club, those who participated in the plunge and the spectators who came out and supported or donated in support of a colleague or friend.

We hope to be invited back next year and we want to see the event even bigger and better!



Ready, set, go!

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And they're off!



Kathryn Eaton, pictured centre in the AnglicareSA t-shirt along with Fundraising Coordinator **Nicole Hunnisett's** brave son **Harrison**, pictured far right.

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Carers Cruise

On Thursday 23 August the Mental Health Services team organised a Dolphin Cruise at Port Adelaide for carers of adults with mental illness.

Carers greeted each other with smiles and laughter as they embarked on the relaxing two hour cruise. They were excited to catch up with friends and reminisce over previous events and adventures they had been on together.

During the cruise, the carers talked about some of the challenges of caring for someone with a mental illness. They supported each other as they discussed some of the difficulties they were experiencing and reminded each other that they are not alone.

Carers also highlighted that the reason they do what they do; because of the unconditional love they have for their care recipient, which is usually a family member or friend.

The Anglicarers who attended the cruise were moved by how the carers were there for each other and how appreciative the carers were for the opportunity. It's not every day that we get to provide opportunities such as these, and the team said to see the carers all together, laughing, talking and supporting each other, makes their job all the more special.



Our carers getting ready to set sail

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Take a look around our RAC homes



The Marketing team have developed a series of short videos showcasing each of our residential aged care homes. The videos help prospective residents and their families get a clear idea of our quality of care in each home, the type of services and activities we offer, and how we support residents and their families' transition to a residential aged care home.

Each of the six videos clearly shows our residential aged care teams' dedication to high quality of care, while they enjoy their work and demonstrate their commitment to AnglicareSA's values. The videos also highlight why some of our residents love living there.

To watch the videos, take a look on our [website](#) and go to the site information pages under Older People > Residential Aged Care.

A View from the Pew

I occasionally see something that illustrates why our values resonate so well and why agencies like AnglicareSA were started and sometimes that happens in the strangest of places. Last Sunday Archbishop Geoff Smith preached at my church and while he focussed on the Gospel reading, my eye caught the following from the Reading from James 1:22-27:

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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It's not good enough just to have good values and to understand, we have to act, our very beliefs have to change who we are and what we do. It's very simple, in our actions we are to care for the most disadvantaged and marginalised and that's why the Anglican Church established Anglicare to do just that. Compassion and Integrity are two of our organisational values, which are both reflected in this passage.

The bit about keeping unstained by the world is also instructive given the rampant materialism and individualism that bombards all of us daily. Our individual and organisational motives can be selfish and self-serving and that's where our Servant Leadership value comes in, making sure we are truly working for the well-being of others.

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sandeman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
Chief Executive Officer
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