

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## December 2017

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Another year is almost over and Christmas is just around the corner. This is a very busy time of year for many of us at AnglicareSA, particularly our Emergency Assistance services. During the holiday season we see an increase in people needing our help, with food, gifts for their children, financial counselling and a safe place to stay. I'd like to thank everyone in the Anglican community who has supported us this year. Without your help we couldn't provide the services we do for those in need.

Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Until next year,



The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
CEO AnglicareSA

### Mary's Pantry opens in Wallaroo

On Wednesday 6 December we officially opened our new AnglicareSA Wallaroo Emergency Assistance Centre. A much needed service in the area, the Centre is a collaboration between AnglicareSA, the Diocese of Willochra and the Parish of Copper Coast.

The Wallaroo Emergency Assistance Centre, called Mary's Pantry, will provide pantry items, supermarket vouchers, clothing assistance and eventually medical and prescription medication support to vulnerable individuals and families.



The Copper Coast region has a higher than average proportion of the population living in financial hardship. The high cost of electricity and groceries, transport limitations, unemployment and health issues are all major contributors of people seeking Emergency Assistance in this area.

We have been providing emergency relief across the Copper Coast since March 2015. Through our new Centre, we look forward to building on existing local partnerships to support and improve the lives of vulnerable people across the region.

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Pictured on previous page: **Bishop John Stead**, Bishop of Willochra, **Paul Thomas**, CEO, Copper Coast Council, **Cathy Obst**, Emergency Assistance Coordinator, **The Reverend Canon Ali Wurm**, Priest of the Parish of Copper Coast, **John Carbone**, President of the local Rotary Club and ex-Anglicarer, me.

## White Ribbon March

Anglicarers joined many South Australians gathered together in Victoria Square on Saturday 25 November to support the 2017 Adelaide White Ribbon March.

The march, organised by the Family & Domestic Violence Advocacy Network (FADVAN), commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women as well as kick-started 16 days of action against domestic abuse.

AnglicareSA was proud to support this important cause alongside other community service organisations, marching from Victoria Square to the steps of Parliament House. The event also represented an opportunity to show support for victims and featured speakers from across the South Australian community who see firsthand the devastation caused by family violence.

It was heartening to see our community come together to stand up and speak out on this issue. It was great to see such strong representation from across our organisation, all in good voice joining in the “stand up, speak out” mantra.



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## Stuff the Bus in Norwood

On Saturday 2 December our CMI Toyota Loan Van became the collection point for the 'Stuff the Bus' Christmas Giving Collection at St Bartholomew's Anglican Church Norwood.

The brain child of Reverend Simon Jackson (Acting Senior Minister Grace Anglican Network), 'Stuff the Bus' was promoted in the local community through a postcard delivered around Norwood and beyond.

A steady stream of donors dropped by during the day, in spite of the less than favourable weather, and by 3pm over \$2000 of Christmas Hamper Food was donated as well as toys and other gifts.



Pictured from left: **Rowena Dunk** (Parish Member St Bartholomew's), Anglicarer **Peter Burke**, Reverend **Simon Jackson** (Acting Senior Minister – Grace Anglican Network) and son **Sebastian** (who together with his sister Stella provided free entertainment for most of the day).

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## Thank you to our hardworking volunteers!

Our wonderful team of volunteers have been getting into the Christmas spirit and collecting items for AnglicareSA's Christmas hamper and gift appeal. Volunteers like **Paul** (pictured below with **Ramona Reynolds-Smith**) have been out and about in the Hope Mobile collecting gifts and hamper items from our generous donors and delivering them to our Emergency Assistance sites.



We've been lucky enough to have lots of donations coming from the community, include from Cindy the guide dog from The Royal Society for the Blind, the students at St John's Grammar School and the amazing senior superstars at Aveo Group Gulf Point, who are all proudly supporting AnglicareSA.



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Thank you to our hardworking volunteers and wonderful donors for your kindness and support!



Residents at Aveo Group Gulf Point with their donated items

## BPSC Community Christmas Party

On Tuesday 5 December more than 300 people came together to celebrate Christmas with their community as part of AnglicareSA's 'Better Places Stronger Communities' program.

The community Christmas celebration featured a free BBQ and raffle, bouncy castle, face painter, community information, craft activities for young and old, and a performance by the Burundian Gospel Choir (pictured below).



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The celebration comes after almost two years of developing better homes and a stronger community for tenants in the Elizabeth area. In 2015 AnglicareSA took on the management of almost 500 properties within Elizabeth Grove and Elizabeth Vale with the vision to create a safe, vibrant and engaged community with affordable quality homes.

Two years on and it is clear the transfer of housing has well and truly delivered on this promise!



Santa even made it to town despite his busy schedule!

## Make your Christmas pudding count!



Purchase a Kytons Bakery Christmas pudding before 24 December and once again they'll generously donate one of their award winning Christmas treats to a family in need this festive season. You can buy yours from our head office at 159 Port Rd, Hindmarsh or directly from Kytons at 15 Lindsay Ave, Edwardstown (behind Castle Plaza).

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## Angel Day Handover

Our Anglican school community provide invaluable support to AnglicareSA programs, especially our Emergency Assistance services across Adelaide, with many schools donating food or clothing items for those in need.

Each year a primary school is selected to be an ambassador for AnglicareSA services through our 'Angel Day' program with the aims of building hope, wellbeing, stewardship and sustainability.

Our Angel Day school for 2017 was Pedare Christian College. Last month I thanked the students at Pedare for their generosity and commitment to AnglicareSA as they handed over to Pulteney Grammar School, our Angel Day school for 2018.

During the course of the year, Pedare Christian College truly went above and beyond with their fundraising initiatives for Angel Day with activities being student leader led, including:

- **A Multimedia Interactive Artwork** Exhibition by talented student and up-and-coming artist Shea Stringer, with all funds raised supporting AnglicareSA's Elizabeth Mission.

- **SCEANIE Day** fundraising initiative (scarves and beanies) where students collected funds to purchase winter warmers.

- **Sunday Mail City to Bay Fun Run** Event - the students trained throughout the year to participate in the 12km event, helping to raise funds for Star Bear.

- **Build A Bike** – at their Staff Development Day Pedare staff were given the challenge of having to build bikes. Twenty bikes complete with helmets were donated to children in need from our CALD community, Emergency Assistance, Foster Care and Loss and Grief programs.

At the Angel Day handover ceremony, pictured here, students from Pedare Christian College passed on angels to Pulteney Grammar School, with each angel representative of their own special message. We look forward our partnership with Pulteney Grammar School next year.

