

November 2017

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Last month saw the closure of Holden after more than 50 years of making cars in Elizabeth. The closure brings with it heavy economic and social implications.

The loss of automotive manufacturing jobs in northern Adelaide alone is estimated to be 6,871, while South Australia is looking at an estimated total job loss of 23,900 when the full flow on effect is taken into account.

There are limited new employment opportunities, and to their credit, Holden has done a lot to help their workers get ready to transition and make the most of the transferrable skills they have to offer. Almost 80 percent of Holden workers so far have moved into other employment or further training.

But there is no doubt the wider implications will be massive. It's not just the people losing their jobs who are affected, it is their children too who find little hope in future job availability in their communities. We are looking at generations of potentially economically disadvantaged people, and a further increase in the gap between rich and poor.

Many of our staff who work in the north see first-hand the impact and challenges caused by the Holden closure and the wider impact of economic restructuring on the community in Adelaide's north. That is, the financial and emotional stress and the impact on people's wellbeing. I have faith our staff and volunteers will continue to work with the northern community in the same way as they always do – with care, compassion, and empathy.

2017 Cathedral Banquet

On Friday 3 November we held our annual Cathedral Banquet at St Peter's Cathedral. This year's event was bigger and better than ever before, thanks to the generosity of our guests, sponsors and volunteers, who made the night such a huge success. More than \$180,000 was raised for our Emergency Assistance programs.



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A total of 298 guests attended, with supporters coming from the Diocese of Adelaide, state and local government, corporate, suppliers, schools and donors.

The Cathedral provided a stunning setting for the event, which featured entertainment by Camryn Jordan, The 60 Four and Soul Mystique.



There were opportunities to support AnglicareSA through live and silent auctions, a sparkling wine wall and raffle prizes. Thank you to those of you who purchased a ticket in the 2017 Cathedral Banquet Raffle. Congratulations to the following winners drawn at the Banquet:

- 1st Prize: Ticket No. 0210 - Steven Strange
- 2nd Prize: Ticket No.0212 - John Platten
- 3rd Prize: Ticket No. 0256 - Nathan Easton/Aaron Albarouki



Thank you to all of our members who came along and supported the event. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

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Christmas Appeal 2017



As Christmas approaches we ask that you remember AnglicareSA in your holiday plans. While preparing for joyous celebrations with your friends and family, it's important to stop and reflect on the blessings in your own life while also being aware that not everyone is so fortunate. When planning your Christmas shopping please consider setting aside a part of your budget to support the work of AnglicareSA with a tax-deductible charitable donation.

AnglicareSA provides a number of greatly needed services in the community during the Christmas period including food hampers, toiletries, nutritious meals, clothing and Christmas treats, as well as short term emergency accommodation.

Last year we provided support to over 1,300 people with nowhere else to turn. This included providing 950 Christmas hampers. The demand on our services continues to grow.

Sadly, every week AnglicareSA turns away more than 100 people from our emergency assistance services because we simply don't have the resources to help them.

The past 12 months has seen an increase of 44% in the number of people sleeping rough in the Adelaide CBD alone. The need is real and it is growing.

AnglicareSA is reliant on charitable donations in order to continue to provide these services. That is why we ask you to please make a donation.

We've simplified the donation process making it easier for you to donate. Please use one of the following options to help bring hope to families in need this Christmas:

- Donate securely online at anglicaresa.com.au
- Call 8305 9200 to make a phone donation

Your generosity will have a positive impact on people in need. Every gift counts, so please won't you join us in our efforts to make a real difference for those who need it?

MEMBERS' UPDATE

Vote to help us win a \$10,000 grant for Turning Point



AnglicareSA is proud to be part of the Grace Gives Australia grants program. We're looking to raise funds for our Turning Point program, a housing scheme that offers crisis accommodation to single parent homeless families who are often forced to flee domestic and family violence situations.

But we need your support!

To help us win a \$10,000 grant all you need to do is click on the link below and vote for AnglicareSA by 3 December. You can also help by sharing this link with your family and friends.
<https://www.grace.com.au/grace-gives-2017/>

Thank you for your support.

Pitjantjatjara Language classes

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages was the focus of national NAIDOC celebrations this year.

The 2017 theme - Our Languages Matter - emphasises and celebrates the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

I recently attended one of two Pitjantjatjara Language classes, which were held at Hindmarsh (picture below) and Holden Hill to help staff who connect with Pitjantjatjara language speakers accessing our services and supports. Staff learnt some words and phrases that will assist them in their roles.



We give our heartfelt thanks to **Inawinytji Williamson**, for her patient tutoring as we learn and grow together.

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OATS reaches 100!

Just two years since commencing in October 2015, the Outreach Autism Therapeutic Services (OATS) has reached a remarkable 100 active clients. This has been a wonderful joint effort between the talented speech and occupational therapists. The service started in 2015 with one speech pathologist and over the course of the last two years has grown to four speech pathologists and two occupational therapists, with a new occupational therapist starting this month.

Over two years the team have been lucky enough to share our little people's amazing progress and be a part of their wonderful families' lives. Children who were non-verbal are now speaking in sentences, children who needed full one-on-one support to dress themselves are now developing independence with these skills, and families are supported to manage their little person's environment and needs.

Manager Autism Services, Disability, Mental Health and Child Care Services, Bridget Knowles said: "Congratulations to our amazing OATS team for your amazing dedication, hard work and incredible commitment you show to our little ones and their families".

OATS is such a great example of innovation by a group of dedicated staff who saw a need, developed a service response based on a sound business case and with support from their manager they just went for it! This is the way we will be able to best serve our customers in the future.



The OATS team: **Amy Francesca, Kathryn Pennell, Megan Longbottom, Yvonne Dolman, Bridget Knowles, Natalie Noble** (in the photo frame), **Rebecca James, Alex Weckert**

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Anglicare Sunday Season and St Mary's

The Anglicare Sunday Season for 2017 is well underway with 18 Parishes in the Diocese of Adelaide participating and 14 Anglicarers speaking, which means that some are generously speaking on more than one occasion.

The purpose of Anglicare Sunday is to inform people in parishes of the great work of AnglicareSA, to affirm our connection with the Anglican Church in many ways, to say thanks for their past support and seek their support into the future.

One example of this is Anglicare Sunday at St Mary's South Road St Marys, which took place on Sunday 15 October. **Kate McGarry**, Senior Manager Community Services spoke about the work of AnglicareSA and our shared mission with the Parish of St Mary's over many years.

This was renewed through the signing of an updated Covenant which took place after Holy Communion at the service as an act to reaffirm our shared mission after a period of change.

St Mary's with AnglicareSA includes the Picket Fence and Community Garden, currently involved in an ongoing consultation process led by Site Coordinator **David Albrecht**, entitled 'One Community'.



Covenant signatories present: Fr **William Deng** (Parish Priest), **Peter Burke** (Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement), **Helen Deefholts** (Warden) and **Tim Earl** (Warden)

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Festival of Lights Celebration

On Wednesday 18 October AnglicareSA Westbourne Park celebrated what is known as the Festival of Lights (also called Diwali in India or Tihar in Nepal).

Elaine and the kitchen staff provided Indian food for the residents' afternoon tea. Indian staff came in wearing their beautiful traditional clothes along with their children and mothers. A presentation was shown to the residents about the Indian and Nepalese festival.

The Indian and Nepalese staff talked about their cultures to the residents and what Diwali and Tihar meant to them and how they celebrate it. **Mardi**, one of the residents, said *"it was great to see the beautiful dresses and learn and understand about other cultures"*.



Pinky, one of the Indian staff brought in head scarves (dupatta) for the residents to wear and the residents looked wonderful in them.

The Indian staff wore beautiful Punjabi suits all in different colours and to finish off the performance the ladies danced to a Punjabi song. The residents clapped to the music as the dancers moved around the hall. A resident's wife **Val** said *"it was a great afternoon... it was fantastic"*.

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Steve Morley from the Lifestyle team said: *"Thanks to everyone who participated and helped on the day, especially to the Indian and Nepalese families - **Surjeet, Pinky, Mandy and Sam**, as well as **Bipin Joshi** who who spoke to us all about Nepal and Tihar. They provided the residents with a day to remember."*

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
 AnglicareSA