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### **Excellence and innovation in caring for Australians**

#### **Anglicare Australia Awards 2006**

Innovation, excellence, partnership and achievement characterised the winning entries for this year's national Anglicare Awards.

The Awards, sponsored by EIG-Ansvar, acknowledged the creativity and hard work of individuals and Anglicare Australia member agencies across the country.

The winners in the four Award categories were:

- **Service Excellence:** Anglicare Victoria, for the Eastern Out of Home Care Program's 'TrACK' (Treatment and Care for Kids) Program.
- **Partnership:** The Samaritans Foundation (Newcastle) for 'Newcastle African Australian Learning Activities' (NAALA)
- **Service Innovation (Aged Care):** Anglicare SA, for 'Bytes on the Run' (balanced diet and nutrition for aged care residents at St Laurence Court).
- **Service Innovation (Families):** Anglicare Victoria, for Gippsland Parentzone
- **Individual Achievement:** Judy Tatow, AM, of Anglicare Central Queensland.

The Awards were presented by Dr Ray Cleary, Chair of Anglicare Australia and Mr Wayne Goodall, National Claims Manager, EIG-Ansvar, at the Anglicare National Conference held in Canberra from 24 to 26 September. Each year, the conference makes a point of celebrating the innovation and excellence of the extensive Anglicare Australia network of care and social justice.

The 43 Anglicare Australia member agencies provide direct care to around 400,000 Australians each year. The annual awards offer an opportunity to recognise and honour the hard work, skill and innovation that accompany the care and compassion extended to people and communities in need.

A full list of winners and highly commended projects and individuals is attached.

## **Anglicare Australian Awards for Excellence and Innovation 2006 Winners and Highly Commended**

### **Service Excellence**

- Winner: **Anglicare Victoria** for Eastern Out of Home Care Program's 'TrACK' (Treatment and Care for Kids), an intensive therapeutic foster care program..
- Highly Commended: **Anglicare SA** for Disability Support Service, was called on to step in at short notice in order to relocate clients of a (non-Anglicare) service that was being closed under difficult circumstances.
- Highly Commended: **Anglicare Victoria** for 'Looking Forward' Domestic Violence Support Program, a narrative therapy approach to supporting women who have experienced domestic violence.

### **Service Innovation**

- Winner (Aged Care): **Anglicare SA** (St Laurence's Court) for 'Bytes on the Run', an innovative and practical way to ensure balanced and individually tailored diets for residents.
- Winner (Families): **Anglicare Victoria** for Gippsland Parentzone, an innovative way of providing learning opportunities from which parents as well as children benefit.
- Highly Commended: **Anglicare SA** (all Hallow's Court) for 'Physio Chi', a program providing physical, mental and spiritual benefits for (elderly) residents.
- Highly Commended: **Anglicare WA** for LifeWork, a learning and employment program for chronically ill young people.

### **Partnership**

- Winner: **Samaritans Foundation** for Newcastle African Australian Learning Activities (NAALA), a cooperative venture providing friendship and support to newly arrived African refugees.
- Highly Commended: **Brotherhood of St Laurence** (Sambell Lodge) for 'Celebration of Life' Senior Sports Day run along the lines of the Olympic Games.

### **Individual Achievement**

- Winner: **Judy Tatow, AM, Anglicare Central Queensland**, for her work over many years providing a range of support to Indigenous people in the Rockhampton area.
- Highly Commended: **Glenys Clark, Anglicare Central Queensland** for harnessing the interests and commitment of a whole town to ensure the security of the local family day care service.
- Highly Commended: **Allan James, Anglicare North Queensland**, who achieved dramatic results over a very short time in building a supportive and safe environment for the young clients of a residential facility.

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