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### VALUING RELATIONSHIPS



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Executive Director

I was lucky enough to last week attend a meeting of Anglicare Australia's Aged and Community Care Network, and Anglicare Australia member Brotherhood of St Laurence's [Sambell Oration](#). Both gatherings stressed the need for relationship above all else. Members of the network talked of their strategic plans being consciously built around relationships in order to deliver care that is about the person receiving it. Sambell Orator, Lord Maurice Glasman spoke about "relationship before action" if that action is to actually bring about any lasting change in people's lives.

We have increasingly talked at Anglicare Australia about the importance of relationship in transformational change. Indeed we have gone as far as to say that the only way we can bring sustainable change to our lives and those we work with is when that change is based upon relationships with others. This has been the theme of our recent conferences and of our State of the Family reports, borne out by research we have carried out.

Relationship is at the heart of society and how we relate to each other. It is also the foundation of Anglicare Australia members and the social sector more generally. It is what enables us to do the "work" of caring for young people unable to live at home. Of engaging and being in relationship with people marginalised, homeless, and living on the edges. It is not typically where business flourishes. Business by its nature requires certainties of monetary flow, certainties in its market.

As I write we are anticipating the release of the Harper Report into Competition Policy. Anglicare Australia took part in a small roundtable meeting with Professor Harper and others from the Review Committee to address the issue of competition in human services.

In considering the opening of social or human services to the business sector, we should consider what it is about the business sector that we feel will perform these services better. We should also examine what it is in these services that will enable transformational change that can be sustained. Whilst it is too simple to polarise business into "bad" and not-for-profits into "good" there are some strong arguments of horses for courses that, if ignored, will cause a greater monetary and human cost in the long run.

Some services are transactional, we all engage in many of them most days. Purchasing a bus ticket, doing our shopping, they are simple transactions between parties where the outcome is relatively predictable and the service short term.

Relational services on the other hand are complex, long term and unpredictable in the size of inputs or the timing and type of the outcomes. Take the residential care of an eight year old child. We could reasonably expect that child to be in those services for 10 years, 10 developmentally tumultuous years. One thing all experts agree on is the importance of stable relationships to the development of children and young people. We cannot know what that child will need over their lifetime with us. Our engagement will be complex, multi-faceted and full of risk factors that are not for the faint hearted. We would need to be very clear in what might make business better able to deliver services such as these than not-for-profit purpose driven organisations.

Our Aged and Community Care Network talked of the "task orientation" to care that government documents demand and how this can be the total antithesis to real care. Members also talked about care and concern based on meeting the person where they are; what we describe as person centred care. This type of care takes flexibility, genuine interest in that person, and the formation of authentic relationships.

Some things are not about making a profit. Humans created the economy and we can make it serve us rather than the other way around. Legitimate profits from transactional activities can fund our capacity to offer this relational care, true care. But the care needs not – and sometimes cannot -make a profit in and of itself.

This of course is taxation and the long awaited Taxation Reform White Paper was finally released yesterday.

Reading the Taxation discussion paper and its responses, two thoughts jump out. Firstly there is the NIMBY response. Groups responding noting the need for an "everything-on-the-table-broad-ranging-debate" but quickly following with a message to explain why their particular interest or constituency should be left out of it. The other more optimistic response is a willingness from seemingly unusual quarters to consider common good conversations about reform of our tax system - looking at negative gearing and high end super contributions for example.

We do need to think about how the tax system works. The caring relationships that can transform our society, and how life is for those on the edges, need to be supported by those of us who are doing very well.

And we need care and support to be efficient and effective. And we need a healthy economy to pay for it. But we have to remember the point of it all. Let's not leave people behind in our rush towards an even more profitable and competitive economy.

Because there's no meaningful relationship in that.

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A number of interesting events and visits have kept the team at Anglicare Australia busy this month.

At the request of their Excellencies, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove, our Executive Director, Kasy Chambers, attended the announcement event for [The Search](#), an early-stage Collective Impact initiative.

The Search is a first of its kind national initiative to help communities come together and successfully address society's biggest challenges – issues like poverty, alcohol related violence, homelessness, youth unemployment and childhood obesity – through the adoption of the socially innovative Collective Impact framework.

Meetings were held with Senator Jan McLucas, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness and Australian Greens Senator, Rachel Siewert.

Kasy also attended the SA Anglicare CEO Forum, the Human Resources Network meeting and the General Synod's Royal Commission Working Group meeting.

As well as meeting with Brotherhood of St Laurence staff members, Kasy was pleased to be able to attend [The Sambell Oration](#) presented by the Brotherhood. Named after former Brotherhood of St Laurence Executive Director, Geoffrey Sambell, the Sambell Oration is a forum for ideas that advance a fairer Australia.

Kasy said the oration, delivered by English social thinker Maurice Glasman, was very thought-provoking, even a few days after the event. Lord Glasman, Baron Glasman of Stoke Newington and Stamford Hill, is not your average member of the British House of Lords. For one thing, he chooses to live with his family in a flat over a clothes shop in north London. The Labour peer calls himself a 'radical traditionalist'.

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## ANGLICARE RESPONDS TO INTERGENERATIONAL REPORT

The release of the [2015 Intergenerational Report](#) in March provided Anglicare Australia with the opportunity to comment specifically on a couple of key issues and the timing of the report.

In a [media release](#), Anglicare Australia said keeping people in work for longer really depends on the kind of work that they can do, and it is simply offensive to expect labourer or cleaners with insecure or inflexible conditions to keep on year after year.

It also commented that encouraging women back into the workforce rests on accessible child care at one end of the spectrum and an end to glass ceilings and prejudice at the other.

Around the timing of the release of the report, Anglicare Australia Executive Director, Kasy Chambers, said "The social services sector has had a particularly tough year since the last federal budget and we are concerned that this report is setting the scene for more damaging cuts, which would seem to focus particularly on people out of work."

On the day of the release, Anglicare Australia also provided members with a [briefing](#) of the major findings and associated issues.

### Anglicare briefing on the Welfare Reform report

Earlier this month, Anglicare Australia also provided members with a [briefing on the Welfare Reform report](#). A new system for better employment and Social Outcomes, which was released in late February.

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## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Anglicare Australia Policy and Research Director, Michelle Waterford, attended National Shelter's National Day of Action at Parliament House this month, where delegations of housing and homelessness peaks and service providers met with government, opposition and cross bench MPs. Here is what she had to say about the day.

The Federation Reform process, tax discussion paper and the federal Budget are gradually converging to a point. Together they have been and will continue to shape the context in which policy decisions are made.

Included in each of these processes, as a consideration to a lesser or greater extent, are issues which impact greatly on people who use our services. They are also issues that shape how we live together in society. Housing is one of those issues.

This month Anglicare Australia joined a number of housing and homeless peaks and other charitable organisations at a day of action in Parliament House to draw attention to the issues around housing in Australia. A number of parliamentarians were visited, each receiving a copy of [An Affordable Housing Reform Agenda](#) and briefed on the major factors that have a bearing on the housing crisis in Australia.

Collectively we raised issues such as:

- the importance of leadership at the commonwealth level to ensure a cohesive and equitable housing sector across the country
- the lack of a clearly discernible housing strategy linking to the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) and the National Agreement on Housing Affordability. The recent announcement on NPAH funding was lauded though not without a comment to the effect that there is work yet to be done
- the issue of the tax treatment of housing and the misconceptions that exist around the efficacy of negative gearing and capital gains tax in increasing housing supply
- the de-funding of the housing and homelessness peaks and the gap this will create in the advocacy space around housing given that a number of other 'voices' such as the National Housing Supply Council, the COAG Reform Council, the Prime Ministers Advisory Council on Homelessness, the Housing Ministers Council and the Housing Ministers Advisory Council have otherwise gone silent.

While the extent to which the various parliamentarians agreed with our collective positions varied greatly, each were gracious with their time and receptive to our comments. Anglicare Australia passes on thanks to National Shelter and Homelessness Australia for organising the National Day of Action.

This event was timely to the work of Anglicare Australia as we are about to research and report on the lived experience of looking for housing while on a low income. Our [Rental Affordability Snapshot](#) will be released at the end of April.

## CARD RELEASED

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- FREE FLU VACCINES FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN
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## FRSA SENIOR EXECUTIVES FORUM

The Family Relationship Services Senior Executives Forum took a broader contextual view of service delivery this year, tapping into policy settings, practice settings and the political environment in which services are being delivered.

Initially, Families and Communities activity (formerly the Family Support Program) was largely protected from the machinations of the Social Services grant retendering. Many of the programs had early information that services would continue and be rolled over to five year agreements. However, there are programs that faced future uncertainty and that uncertainty persists.

Acting Group Manager of Families with the Department of Social Services, Phil Brown offered some reassurance in that public announcements around funding agreements are imminent, though these do not include any information around those programs still in doubt, such as the specialised family violence services, the family relationship services for humanitarian entrants or the kids in focus services.

There were a number of speakers that held insights into the future of service delivery. Professor at the UNSW School of Law and member of the Gilbert & Tobin Centre of Public Law, Andrew Lynch was able to provide clarity around the Williams cases and the Pape case as they relate to the funding and delivery of programs by the commonwealth government. One of the upshots from these cases is that Ministers putting forward new expenditure proposals must identify in the explanatory statements where the head of power resides. In this way, the Senate Committee on Regulations is now in a position to take a more supervisory role; the limits of the executive powers have been made clear but it is still uncertain whether this oversight will be strict or loose.

Overall, it was a beneficial couple of days with greater clarity provided around the Expert Panel for evidence-based program delivery, however there are questions around whether this process will be utilised over the next five years to establish a benchmarking – and perhaps rating – system for not-for-profits which remain unanswered.

Thanks to FRSA for organising a thought provoking and informative couple of days.

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## WORKPLACE RELATIONS FRAMEWORK SUBMISSION

Anglicare Australia put forward a [submission](#) to the Productivity Commission's public inquiry to examine the performance of the workplace relations framework and identify improvements to it.

In its submission, Anglicare outlined a number of preliminary issues to help guide the Commission in its deliberation of the Workplace Relations Framework as it relates to issues of social justice and community cohesion.

This includes:

- a "work first" approach to employment
- transition into employment and out again
- influencing employers
- training and support.

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## SUBMISSION FOR INQUIRY INTO DSS GRANTS PROCESS

Anglicare Australia has presented a submission, [Less haste more heed](#), to the Senate Community Affairs Committee Inquiry into the impact on service quality, efficiency and sustainability of recent Commonwealth community service tendering processes by the Department of Social Services (DSS).

Most Anglicare Australia member organisations were deeply involved in the community service tender processes conducted by the DSS over these past nine months. Their activities include almost every service type that was open for tender.

Considerable concern has been raised in the public sphere regarding the timing and reach of the tenders and the difficulties that its scale and timelines created for all. Anglicare Australia has included comments on the process which reflect feedback from Anglicare member agencies and their staff, and then discuss more constructive processes for future use.

Anglicare Australia sees this inquiry as an opportunity to learn from that experience and refocus on how government and agencies can work better together to deliver publicly funded programs and services.

[Download submission](#)

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## NEW CEO FOR HESTA

Anglicare Australia welcomes Debby Blakey, the new CEO of HESTA, our long-term National Conference sponsor and partner. Anglicare members may recognise Debby from Anglicare Australia national conferences, which she has attended from time to time.

Former Deputy CEO, Debby stepped into her new position on 2 March. She first joined HESTA in September 2008 as Executive Manager – Member Advice, where her strong leadership of the organisation's national financial advice service saw the service grow dramatically.

She was appointed to the Deputy CEO position in 2012 and was responsible for leading key functional areas within the Fund and supporting the CEO in executing HESTA's strategic plan.

Debby brings more than 20 years' experience in super and financial planning to HESTA, having worked extensively as an employee-benefit consultant, with a specific



focus on super. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Natal (South Africa), is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees and Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



## Special Interest Networks

### LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

The Anglicare Australia Aged and Community Care Network held a Peer to Peer Learning Forum in Melbourne this month, to provide each other with some insight and support in dealing with the ongoing reforms of the aged care system. There were about 25 people overall, from our hosts Benetas, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Anglicare SA, Anglicare Southern Queensland (ASQ) and Anglicare Sydney.

It kicked off with a great pub dinner, where public relations specialist Rhod Ellis-Jones looked at how we identify with our own services in the new consumer market that is aged care today. Are we contemporary, accessible, modern; are our inspirations relevant to the times. Who was Gough Whitlam, anyway?

The next day we ran a number of sessions. The first was on dealing with the existing reforms, with Alison Zappala from ASQ talking through the focussing of their strategic plan onto their relationships with customers or clients, and Jackie Howard from Anglicare SA describing how and why they have developed a team of volunteers to help customers understand the financial complexities of the new regime.

There was also a wide ranging discussion on the everyday but often hidden complexities of Consumer Directed Home Care Packages, expertly led by Jeremy McAuliffe from Benetas; with Kampala Champion from Anglicare SA then taking us into an important discussion about the link between values and CDC, touching on some of the issue that emerged over dinner. Finally Lesley Jeffers, also from Anglicare SA, opened up the most lively and wide ranging conversation of the day by flagging issues around consumer directed residential care.

After lunch the group considered the proposed Commonwealth Home Support Program. Christine Morka from BSL kicked it off by providing a summary of the complex papers up for consultation and pointing to inconsistencies between the Aged Care Sector Statement of Principles, the CHSP Best Practice Guide and the draft CHSP Manual. For example, the fundamentally different interpretations of wellness used in the Guide and the Manual, and the failure to include in any detail support for family Carers in the Manual despite the very significant place they were given in the Statement of Principles.

Consultation on the CHSP documents closes on April 15, and teams attending the forum agreed to contribute to an Anglicare Australia submission in a timely – ie urgent – manner; covering the issues raised by Christine (above) as well as the impact of proposed fees and charges, the convoluted assessment and reassessment process, and general red tape that seems to be a part of this new integrated approach to aged care.

Finally we tried to pat a few future activities for the network in place. They include:

- workshops at the next Anglicare conference on providing care on a fee for service basis
- getting together next year perhaps to talk through the value that underpins the not-for-profit basis of our work
- innovation in terms of community development that is a part of our work.

Thanks to Sandra Hills and the Benetas team for hosting and coordination, and all the participants for the work they did to make this forum a big success.

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### HR NETWORK MEETING

Human resource managers from around the country met in Sydney this month for the HR Network meeting.

Key discussions at the meeting included workplace diversity and what members could learn from each other. Benetas has for the last eight years been one of only 76 Workplace Gender Equity Agency (WGEA) Employers of Choice for Gender Equity and other members are keen to explore how to improve in this area.

What can be learned about screening and pre-employment was explored, as well as induction of new employees in the light of the coroner's report into the Quaker's Hill Nursing Home fire and the Royal Commission hearing into Out of Home Care.

Network members discussed the best use of psychometric testing, using it to profile the job and then candidates in one of our aged care settings. Enabling secondments and movement of staff between members was also covered.

HESTA also attended and discussed insurance and superannuation, as well as general superannuation issues.

Thanks to Carolyn Talbot from Anglicare Sydney for organising the HR Network meeting and Anglicare Bondi for hosting the event.

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### SONIA WATERS TO CHAIR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION NETWORK

Director of Aboriginal Services with Anglicare SA, Sonia Waters, is the new chair of the Anglicare Australia's National Reconciliation Network, taking over from Archdeacon Karen Kime.

Sonia is an Aboriginal woman from Adelaide with ancestral lines to the far west coast of South Australia. She is a daughter of the Stolen Generations; her great-grandmother, grandmother and mum were all removed under former policies and practices that allowed for the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their families. They were all placed in institutions and cycled through many foster care placements.

Sonia's career spans 26 years in the SA Public Sector and for the past four years she has proudly held the position of Director of Aboriginal Services in Anglicare SA. She has been an active participant and campaigner for Reconciliation since 1999 and a campaigner for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Sonia works tirelessly to improve

the quality of life and life expectancy of Aboriginal people.

She has served on many boards and committees and is currently a Board Member of the Don Dunstan Foundation, a member of the SA Aboriginal Advisory Council and a member of the Aboriginal Advisory Group to the Community Engagement arm of Port Adelaide Football Club.

Throughout her career, Sonia has co-instigated a diverse range of programs and services. Among them are South Australia's premiere Aboriginal Festival – the Spirit Festival, the Australian Rotary Health Scholarships, the Indigenous Health Scholarship Program and more recently, the Young Australian Cultural and Community Ambassadors, International Volunteering pilot program.

"Anglicare Australia's National Reconciliation Network has come a long way in the past few years and I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of our network to thank Archdeacon Karen Kime for bringing us this far," Sonia said.

"As a founding member, I am most humbled by the opportunity to chair this network, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside such passionate and dedicated members. I see this network playing an important role in strengthening Reconciliation and advising Anglicare Australia on important state, territory and national issues whilst also advocating for, and challenging unjust systems, structures and policies that affect the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples."



## Anglicare Network News

### BEING A-PART WEBINAR | 20 MAY 2015

Last year Anglicare Australia network members came together for a major piece of national research, being a/part, that looked at the ameliorating effects of social support and a sense of belonging for the generally poor outcomes that young people with adversity in their past generally experience.

Anglicare Australia will be hosting a webinar at 10.30am AEST on Wednesday 27 May to explain the findings of that research and to share the implications these might have for working with young people into the future. Save the date!

For further information, contact Anglicare Australia Policy & Research Director, [Michelle Waterford](#).

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### THE HEALING NATURE OF ANIMALS

Research suggests that animals have the ability to boost health and general wellbeing in the elderly. Benefits can include decreased blood pressure and stress, and improved communication and reminiscence.

So when Animals on the Move, a touring barnyard experience, visited Benetas Dalkeith Hostel in Traralgon, residents invited their friends and family to enrich this special opportunity.

Animals on the Move, part of Benetas' commitment to social inclusion, has become a popular addition to the Benetas Dalkeith Hostel lifestyle program.

It is a refreshing departure from daily routine and for those residents who grew up, or lived and worked on farms in the Latrobe Valley, a trip down memory lane.



Benetas Dalkeith Hostel resident, Pauline McClounan, enjoys farm animal company.



Animals on the Move also visited Benetas St Laurence Court in Kangaroo Flat in March. One resident in particular, Doreen Williamson [above], enjoyed spending the afternoon with the animals as it brought back memories from her childhood spent on her grandparents farm in Neilborough.

#### Wishes come true at Benetas

After spending years knitting jumpers for fairy penguins, Mornington local Betty Bilson finally came face to face with her first penguin, thanks Benetas' One Wish program.

Betty, who lives independently at home in Mornington with the assistance of Benetas, has dedicated so much of her time for the penguins affected by oil spills, but had never seen one in real life. That changed when she visited the Phillip Island Nature Park in March.

"It was absolutely amazing, I'm still coming back down to earth," said Betty. "I just couldn't believe how small they were; seeing their white bellies waddle out of the water was something I will remember forever. It was the best night I've ever had; I just can't believe it!"

The Benetas One Wish program provides special one-off wishes to Benetas clients and residents, which fulfil a lifelong desire or dream.



Benetas resident, Betty Bilson, with the jumpers she knitted for oil-affected penguins (left) and amongst the fairy penguins at Philip Island Nature Park.

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## INDIGENOUS FUNDING ANNOUNCED

Six of the 964 organisations to be funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy are Anglicare Australia members.

They are Anglicare Central Queensland, Anglicare Northern Inland, Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT, Anglicare Sydney, Anglicare WA and The Buttery.

Further information on the Indigenous Advancement Strategy grants is available on the [Prime Minister and Cabinet website](#).

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## BSL REPORT: 1 IN 5 UNEMPLOYED ARE TEENS

A new analysis released on 1 March by Anglicare Australia member, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, has found that one in five Australians who are out of work are teenagers.

Young people are in the eye of the nation's jobless crisis, with the unemployment rate for 15 to 19 year olds hitting 20 per cent – a level not seen since the mid-1990s.

According to the report, [The Teenage Dream Unravels: trends in youth unemployment](#), older youth are also struggling. If you are aged 15 to 24 and looking for work, your probability of finding a job has steadily declined since the global financial crisis.

### Senator Ricky Muir shares his experience

In the Brotherhood's [Youth Unemployment Monitor e-newsletter](#), cross-bench Senator for Victoria, Ricky Muir [right], details his experience of being an unemployed teenager.

Senator Muir reveals he left school at 15 in the mid-1990s. Without financial support from his parents, he applied for many entry-level jobs, including abattoir work, near where he lived in Gippsland in Victoria. He found being young and unemployed a very challenging experience.

Senator Muir also filmed [a short video](#) for the e-newsletter, in which he details some of his personal experiences.



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## 'SEAL' OF APPROVAL FOR HEALTHBOTS

Anglicare Australia member, [The Selwyn Foundation](#) in New Zealand, has teamed up with one of the world's most acclaimed robot developers, Dr Takanori Shibata, to provide its clients with an experience with PARO robots.

PARO is the world's most popular commercial robot for elderly people. It takes the form of a fluffy white baby Canadian harp seal that responds to touch by making soft noises, moving its head and tail and opening its eyes.

The Selwyn Foundation is the first aged care provider to purchase therapeutic robots for use in New Zealand, following trials using PARO with rest home residents at its Selwyn Heights retirement village in 2013. The research found that rest home residents who had sessions with PARO were less lonely and more engaged than those who did not interact with the seal.



[FROM LEFT] The Selwyn Foundation's Hilda Johnson-Bogaerts and Garry Smith, PARO's inventor - Dr Shibata - and the University of Auckland's Dr Elizabeth Broadbent join residents at Selwyn Heights in welcoming PARO to the Foundation.

## ANGLICARE PNG RECEIVES FUNDING FOR HIV AWARENESS

Anglicare Australia member, Anglicare PNG, has received K50,000 from oil and gas company InterOil, to help improve the health service delivery system for the company's main operations area in the Gulf Province and other areas in the country.

Anglicare PNG national director, Heni Meke, said the donation will have a huge impact on the work of Anglicare in the country.

Anglicare PNG has been the front-line advocator against HIV/AIDs in the country and the timely donation from InterOil will go a long way in the organisation's awareness and fight against HIV and sexually transmitted infections.



Director of Anglicare PNG, Heni Meke at the presentation ceremony with InterOil's Executive Vice President, Isikeli Taureka.

## NEW WEBSITE FOR PRIMATE

Archbishop Philip Freier has just launched a [new website](#) for the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The website contains Archbishop Freier's story, a news feed, a blog, press items, offers people the opportunity to have a conversation with the Primate, and offers Twitter and Facebook options. A Link list offers professional standards, information on the General Synod and the Melbourne Diocese, to name a few.



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## ANGLICARE CQ OPENS HOUSE FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

Anglicare Central Queensland has officially opened its first foundation house in Gladstone.

The house is the first of three homes built with funding from the Gladstone Foundation and the three LNG companies, adding up to a \$2.4 million grant. The house will provide residential placement and 24/7 care for local children and youth from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Depending on the child's situation, the house is available until they reach 18 years of age, when they will be transferred to adult housing projects.

The second home, Harbour House, will be finished soon and the third, Curtis House, is expected to be completed by Easter, with residents moving in the second half of the year.



Gladstone Foundation chairman Tim Griffin officially opens the first Anglicare care house.

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## ANGLICARE TASMANIA'S NEW GLENORCHY CENTRE

Anglicare Tasmania's Glenorchy Centre was officially opened in March, to support the city that is home to more than 45,000 people.

"This is a vibrant, growing community that is taking action to improve educational, employment and health outcomes," said Anglicare Tasmania CEO, Chris Jones.

"Anglicare is part of this – supporting individuals and families as they deal with challenges, and partnering with the community to tackle poverty and disadvantage".



## EARLY LEARNING CENTRE AT GOOGONG ANGLICAN SCHOOL

The 2015 new school year opened the door on a new era for Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT, with the launch of its Early Learning Centre at Googong Anglican School – the organisation's first partnership with an Anglican school.

"What a joy it is after months of planning and preparing to finally have children at Googong Early Learning Centre," said Centre Director Rose Young. "It has been wonderful to see the children settle so well into their preschool rooms, begin to build friendships and enjoy learning and exploring the classrooms.

"Staff have been working hard to set up beautiful learning environments which engage and challenge the children. The children can be seen each day working in small groups with the educators as they discuss topics of interest. Children are asked open-ended questions which helps the educators know their interests and levels of knowledge and skill. We use this information to further challenge the learning that is taking place."

## ANGLICARE STAFF SOLDIER ON AFTER CYCLONE MARCIA

The Rockhampton offices of Anglicare in Fitzroy and Musgrave streets sustained significant damage in the cyclone and have had to be closed for the present.

The staff are all crammed into alternative office space in Quay Street but are still managing to deliver services.

Suzie Christensen the CEO of Anglicare Central Queensland says despite the damage to their offices, staff are working very hard to help others.



## National Awards Profile

### PARTNERSHIP WINNER - FOYER OXFORD



Welcome to the third in our series of profiles on the winners and highly commended of the Anglicare Australia 2014 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence.

These profiles are also featured in [The Anglicare Australia Review](#).

The winner of Partnerships, for a program or project that builds and strengthens links, was Anglicare WA for Foyer Oxford.

Foyer Oxford is a holistic initiative designed to help young people aged between 16 and 25, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, transition to independent living.

It is a partnership between Anglicare WA, Foundation Housing and the Central Institute of Technology, with each responsible for a different aspect of the Foyer.

The Foyer Oxford building contains 98 self-contained apartments and is located in Leederville. It has been intentionally designed to serve as transitional accommodation.

Tenants may stay for up to two years, when it is expected they will be ready for independent living after being given comprehensive support, professional training and education.

Judges were impressed with the consortium approach, which works so well in providing an aspirational and supportive environment for disadvantaged young people.

Anglicare Australia received 11 nominations for Partnership in 2014.



Anglicare WA CEO, Ian Carter (left), is congratulated by Robert Morsillo of Telstra, our national awards program sponsor.

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## Research and Resources

### CITY LIMITS: WHY AUSTRALIA'S CITIES ARE BROKEN

According to a new book from the [Grattan Institute](#), the divide between where people live and work in Australian cities is growing, with most new jobs being created close to city centres while most population growth is occurring in the outer suburbs.

City Limits: why Australia's cities are broken and how we can fix them shows that more than half the employment growth in our five largest cities is occurring less than 10 kilometres from the city centre.

But a dysfunctional housing market means not enough homes are being built in these areas, forcing more than half of all population growth into suburbs more than 20 kilometres from the city centre.

City Limits is published by Melbourne University Press.

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### EXPERIENCES OF AGEING IN AUSTRALIA

Findings of a new research project, [Experiences of Ageing in Australia](#), were released in March.

The project aimed to improve our understandings of people's experiences of getting older, and provide information resources to support older people, their families and health professionals involved in their care.

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### AGED CARE SERVICE USE IN FINAL YEARS OF LIFE

A new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare looks at Australians' use of aged care services towards the end of their lives and finds that while some people only used aged care services in the year before death, others accessed services over several years.

According to the report, [Use of aged care services before death](#), of the approximately 116,500 people aged 65 and over who died in Australia in 2010-11, 60% were current clients of aged care programs when they died. On average, the women were aged 85.2 years when they died, and the men were aged 81.5 years.

Overall, 80% of people who died in 2010-11 aged 65 or over had used aged care in the eight years before death, and 75% used an aged care service in the 12 months before their death.

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### LANDMARK RESEARCH ON OLDER CALD PEOPLE

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia has released its landmark [Review of Australian Research on Older People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds](#).

Despite increasing numbers of older Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, research about this group has only been sporadic.

The review aimed to identify the existing research evidence base about older CALD Australians and to identify gaps in the research, covering four broad topic areas:

- older people from CALD backgrounds in general
- older people from CALD backgrounds with dementia
- ageing and mental health issues for people from CALD backgrounds
- CALD carers and carers of older people from CALD backgrounds.

The review report highlights that older people from CALD backgrounds are not a homogeneous group and therefore meeting their needs is highly complex. Many older people from CALD backgrounds have higher levels of disadvantage and other risk factors than older Anglo-Australians.

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## IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND OPEN

Australian not-for-profits and social enterprises can now apply for a share in National Australia Bank's new \$1 million [Impact Investment Readiness Fund](#).

The program will offer grants of up to \$100,000 for social sector organisations to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers, which can include but is not limited to advisory, financial, intermediary or legal services.

Applicants must apply jointly with the provider who is to work with them, demonstrate the characteristics of an investable enterprise and operate with an intentional social and/or environmental mission.

Submissions close midnight 31 December 2015 (AEDT - Sydney time).

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## HEALTHY FUTURES REPORT CARD RELEASED

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's [Healthy Futures Report Card on Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services](#) has been released.

This report presents information sourced from a variety of data sets, but mostly from two main data collections:

1. the Online Services Report collection for 2012–13, which provides information on staffing, clients and episodes of care provided at primary health services funded to provide care to Indigenous Australians
2. the National Key Performance Indicators for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care collection, covering the period December 2012 to December 2013. Indicator-related information is collected on chronic disease prevention and management, and maternal and child health.



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## REPORT: EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

A new report to government has outlined ways for Indigenous communities and governments to work together to set priorities and streamline services at a regional level.

The [Empowered Communities](#) Report is the joint effort of a group of Indigenous leaders from across Australia brought together by the Jawun Indigenous Partnerships Corporation.

The government says it will carefully consider the report's recommendations and will respond in due course.



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## NDAP PROVIDER FINDER LAUNCHED

The government has launched the [NDAP Provider Finder](#), an online resource to help people with disability access advocacy services.

Under the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP), the government funds 59 organisations across Australia to promote their rights of people with disability and improve their ability to participate in the community.

The Provider Finder is quick and easy to use, and allows searching by location or by type of advocacy service. It displays details on each advocacy service, as well as their service location, and directions to find them.

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## AHURI BULLETIN ON COMMUNITY HOUSING

AHURI (Australian Housing & Urban Research Institute) has released its Research & Policy Bulletin No. 184: [Public stock transfers to community housing the best option for a sustainable and financially supportable housing system](#).

It found large scale transfers of public housing to community housing providers are desirable in achieving a sustainable and financially supportable social housing system.

In its Research & Policy Bulletin No. 189: [Financing residential development in Australia](#), it found medium and small residential developers can overcome financial risk barriers by pursuing joint ventures with public sector, but opportunities are limited.

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## AHURI: SOCIAL HOUSING EXITS

Falling tenancy turnover rates over the last decade have resulted in declining vacancies available to applicants in high need. To address this, state housing authorities are seeking ways to promote the exit of existing tenants no longer deemed as in high need of housing assistance. Yet little evidence is available about the motivations for tenants to stay in, or exit, the social housing sector, and the outcomes of such exits.

[This AHURI project](#) explored the factors influencing tenant choices to remain in or depart from public housing. The research found that a small but significant cohort of social housing tenants who are in paid employment and pay full market rent, would consider exiting the sector at their own initiative to become home owners, but not private renters.

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## DIGITAL DIVIDE IN AGE AND EDUCATION

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has released [a fact sheet](#) showing the results of a survey of people's beliefs on whether they felt they had been left behind by information and communication technology (ICT) developments, and whether they were worried about being left behind in the future.

Despite society's increasing reliance on ICT developments, the results suggest that a 'digital divide' persists in relation to age and education. The key findings include:

- those most likely to be worried about the future already believed that they had been left behind
- the older the respondents were, the more likely they were to indicate that they had been left behind and to express concerns about being left behind in the future.

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## MULTICULTURAL YOUTH SPEAKERS READY TO SHOUT OUT

Victoria's first multicultural youth speakers' agency, [ShoutOut](#), is ready to share the stories of their members.

Supported by Gandel Philanthropy, the Centre for Multicultural Youth's initiative was created to combat the marginalisation of migrant and refugee young people by giving them a voice.

Schools, local councils, community organisations and the media will have access to these young people, who can present on issues such as youth engagement, justice, identity and racism.

CMY Youth Leadership Advisor Alice Gomez said the project recognized young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds had a wealth of unique perspectives and fresh ideas to contribute to Australia's rich diversity.

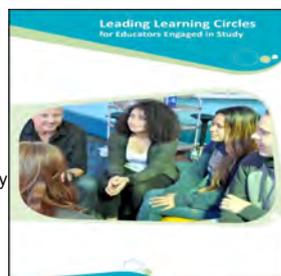
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## LEARNING CIRCLES FOR EDUCATORS ENGAGED IN STUDY

A new national resource, [Leading Learning Circles for Educators Engaged in Study](#), has been released, providing tools for early childhood staff to pursue professional development opportunities and build their capacity as encouraged by the National Quality Framework.

The resource explains the processes and benefits of using learning circles and includes 'conversations' that can be used to help encourage and deepen staff understanding of early childhood education and care.

A hard copy of Leading Learning Circles for Educators Engaged in Study will be sent to early childhood and child care services across Australia. It is also available for download on the Department of Education and Training website.



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## AUSTRALIA'S PAYING MORE FOR ELECTRICITY NETWORKS

[UnitingCare Australia](#) released a report in February which examined what consumers are being charged for the supply of their

electricity and made comparisons between regions of Australia and some international energy markets.

"Many Australians are paying significantly more than people in other parts of the world in electricity network charges," said Lin Hatfield Dodds, National Director of UnitingCare Australia.

"One of our standout findings is that costs are extremely patchy across Australia with some people, particularly in parts of Queensland, paying extraordinarily high network costs."

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## DRINK TANK: A CONVERSATION SPACE ABOUT ALCOHOL

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education has rolled out a new look for its online conversation space [Drink Tank](#). The update offers improved functionality, as well as some exciting new website features.

Drink Tank aims to generate meaningful commentary and debate about alcohol policy, and to provide a platform for all members of the Australian community to share their views and concerns.

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## HARMED BY THE DRINKING OF OTHERS

A new study has revealed that almost two thirds of people identified as being harmed by the drinking of others in a 2008 survey, were still being harmed three years later.

[Beyond the drinker: Longitudinal patterns in alcohol's harms to others](#) followed up Australian adults first surveyed in 2008 to see what level of harm they were experiencing as a result of other people's drinking; whether this situation was remaining stable, improving or worsening; and what factors might predict patterns over time.

Funded by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education and undertaken by the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research the research highlighted the influence of social circles; with the number of heavy drinkers in a person's household, including close relatives and intimate partners, being a strong predictor of experiencing alcohol-related harm from others. This was more significant than other variables examined, including the demographics and drinking habits of the person who was being harmed.

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## NEW RESEARCH INTO ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION

The National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund has released [two major research reports](#) into alcohol and violence.

Australian Police view alcohol as a major drug problem facing law enforcement today and support practical evidence based research that points to solutions that reduce assault, sexual assault and drunk driving related crimes.

Interventions for reducing alcohol supply, alcohol demand and alcohol-related harm assessed 81 alcohol interventions that reduce harm both in Australia and world-wide. The study shows the top harm reducing methods as: reducing alcohol outlet opening hours; prevention interventions; minimum legal purchase age; reducing alcohol outlet density; and alcohol price including excise and taxation.

Off-site outlets and alcohol-related harm examined the relationship between assault and the number of licensed outlets within both Queensland and Western Australia. Key findings from Queensland showed a significant positive association between numbers of onsite outlets such as hotels/nightclubs and assaults reported. An association was also apparent for restaurants and higher assault risk, although size of effect was small.

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## ROSIE BATTY LAUNCHES ALCOHOL HARM STUDY

Late last month 2015 Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty released a study on the full extent of alcohol-related family and domestic violence in Australia, commissioned by FARE (Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education) and undertaken by the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research.

[The hidden harm: Alcohol's impact on children and families](#) was officially launched by Rosie at NSW Parliament House. Rosie spoke of her own experiences, her ongoing efforts to raise community awareness of this issue, and the urgent need for governments to invest in real solutions.

An abridged version of Rosie's moving presentation is available to view on the [DrinkTank website](#).

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## THE BLACK DOG INSTITUTE'S DIGITAL DOG

[The Black Dog Institute](#) has launched a world-first program, [Digital Dog](#), to deliver effective mental health programs using technology such as apps, social media, online gaming and Smartphone sensors.

Statistics show that less than half of all Australians reporting the symptoms of mental illness seek formal treatment. Despite increased investment and strong evidence showing prevention and intervention save lives, factors like geography, stigma and social circumstance make it hard for people to get help.

Research has firmly established that evidence-based digital mental health programs can provide immediate access to effective mental health programs anywhere in Australia.

Digital Dog has an exciting pipeline of programs underway that encompass:

- Social media – using Twitter, Facebook and blogs to identify suicide risk, improve social connections and deliver immediate interventions as they are required
- Smartphones – use of sensors such as Bluetooth to measure social withdrawal and encourage help-seeking before a crisis situation
- Apps – downloadable technology to deliver tailored prevention or screening programs
- Online games – specifically aiming to reduce risk amongst Australian high school students
- Interactive self-help—delivering evidence-based psychological treatment to whoever needs it.

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## MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE

The [National Mental Health Commission](#) has released the first batch of Mental Health Peer Work training and assessment materials, for registered training organisations (RTOs) across Australia to use.

These allow RTOs to deliver the Mental Health Peer Work qualification for the consumer and carer peer workforce. The first three modules for The Foundations of Mental Health Peer Work can be downloaded from the National Mental Health Commission website.

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## FAMILY VIOLENCE REPORT

Flash incarceration for perpetrators who do not comply with court orders is one of a range of recommendations to break the cycle of family violence outlined in a major new RMIT University report.

The RMIT Centre for Innovative Justice report, [Opportunities for early intervention: bringing perpetrators of family violence into view](#) has been lodged with the Commonwealth Attorney General's department.

It lists a range of recommendations highlighting ways the justice system can interrupt the cycle of family violence to make perpetrators more visible.

## Government Policy and Information

### FREE FLU VACCINES FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will receive free seasonal influenza vaccines this winter.

When the 2015 influenza vaccine is available in April, parents of Indigenous children aged six months to five years can get their children vaccinated for free through general practitioners, community controlled Aboriginal Medical Services and immunisation clinics.

Under the National Immunisation Program, essential vaccines are also available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over, people aged 65 years and over, pregnant women and people over six months who have specific medical conditions that increase their susceptibility to influenza.

For more information, contact the [Immunise Australia](#) information line on 1800 671 811.

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## NPAH FUNDED FOR TWO YEARS

The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) is to be extended for two years, with funding priority given to frontline services focusing on women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, and homeless youth under 18.

The government is seeking from the states and territories commitment to match the homelessness funding under the NPAH. The government will also be looking to put in place reporting arrangements with the states and territories that ensure the effectiveness of service delivery in these critical areas.

Longer-term funding arrangements and the respective roles of the Commonwealth and state and territory governments in housing and homelessness will be considered in the context of the Government's White Paper on Reform of the Federation.

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## FUNDING EXTENSIONS FOR DISABILITY/CARER PROGRAMS

Funding for a range of programs transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme has been extended.

Those programs are:

- Helping Children with Autism (HCWA)
- Better Start for Children with Disability (Better Start)
- Young Carers Respite and Information Service (YCRISP)
- Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability (OTD)
- Respite Support for Carers of Young People with Severe or Profound Disability (RSCYP)
- National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP).

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## MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT PROVIDERS

The government will trial for 18 months, a new way for Disability Employment Service (DES) providers to work with jobseekers and employers.

The [proposed changes](#) will give DES providers greater flexibility to determine the way they deliver services to people who are in the 'ongoing support' phase of their DES participation. The changes will also reduce administration requirements.

From 1 April 2015, DES providers, participants and employers will decide how best to work together while participants are in the ongoing support phase, rather than being required to conduct mandatory face-to-face meetings.

There will also be a relaxation of participant plan update requirements, and providers will be able to contract third-party providers as part of their ongoing support services.

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## AGED CARE SECTOR COMMITTEE APPOINTED

David Tune AO PSM will replace Peter Shergold as Chair of the Government's Aged Care Sector Committee.

A former Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, Mr Tune has also held many senior positions in the Australian Public Service working across economic and social policy portfolios.

He has extensive experience developing significant policy reform, and was awarded the Public Service Medal. He was also recently appointed Officer of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to public administration and policy work.

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## AMENDMENT TO AGED CARE REPORTING

The Department of Social Services issued an amendment to reporting requirements for infectious disease outbreaks on 24 March.

It stated that approved providers of aged care services should no longer notify the Aged Care Complaints Scheme of infectious disease outbreaks.

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## CHILDREN'S E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Leading online safety expert Alastair MacGibbon has been appointed to the role of Children's e-Safety Commissioner.

Mr MacGibbon worked for 15 years as an Agent with the Australian Federal Police, including an appointment as founding Director of the Australian High Tech Crime Centre. Along with a number of private sector roles including as Senior Director of Trust, Safety and Customer Support at eBay, Mr MacGibbon has been a Director of the Centre for Internet Safety at the University of Canberra since 2011.

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## NEW FAMILY DAY CARE DATA

The [Department of Social Services](#) has published the latest self-assessment data for Family Day Care operators, including those wanting to apply for Community Support Program (Operational Support) funding for the 2015-16 financial year.

Family Day Care operators that wish to apply must first undertake a preliminary self-assessment of possible eligibility against the location based eligibility criteria for Operational Support funding.

Services that are likely to be eligible can apply using the form that will be available on the Department's website from 1 April 2015.

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## STRONGER TRAINING LAWS PASS PARLIAMENT

New legislation passed the Senate in March that will further crack down on dodgy Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers.

The National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2015 requires anyone, including brokers and other third parties, who is marketing a VET course to clearly identify which registered training organisation (RTO) is providing the qualification.

This will enable the national training regulator, the [Australian Skills Quality Authority](#) to take action against an RTO, where they, or their marketing agent, fail to provide clear information to a prospective student about the qualification they are signing up for, where the training will be undertaken, how long the course will take, what support services are available and the costs associated with them.

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## 457 REFORMS TO ADDRESS GENUINE SHORTAGES

The government will act on recommendations of a recent independent review of the [457 visa program](#) to strengthen integrity, ensure that Australian workers have priority and support employers with genuine skill shortages.

Key recommendations of the review include an increased focus on targeting employers who seek to misuse the program, greater transparency around the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's sanctions processes and proactive sharing of information between key government agencies.

A Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration will also be appointed, with new terms of reference.

## Anglicare Events

### ANGLICARE EVENTS

BSL Research & Policy Centre Lunchtime Seminar  
Presenter: Dr. Irma Mooi-Reci, University of Melbourne  
Topic: The Great Recession and the Immigrant-Native Gap in Job Loss: Evidence from the Spanish Labour Market  
Date: Thursday 2 April March 2015, 12 noon-1.00pm  
Venue: Father Tucker's Room, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy  
RSVP:

[jdouglas@bsl.org.au](mailto:jdouglas@bsl.org.au)

Gender Fairness Workshop (St Luke's Innovative Resources & Women's Health Loddon Mallee)  
Date: 22 April 2015  
Location: University College, Parkville, VIC  
Registration: [Innovative Resources](#)

[Rental Affordability Snapshot data release](#)  
Date: 30 April 2015  
National

Chaplaincy and Parish Community Work Network gathering  
Date: 25-27 June 2015  
Venue: Christ Church Cathedral Precinct, Newcomen Street, Newcastle

Anglicare Australia National Conference  
Date: 13-16 September 2015  
Location: Canberra

## Sector Events

### SECTOR EVENTS

[National Youth Week](#)

Date: 10-19 April 2015  
National

[30th International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease](#)

Date: 15-18 April 2015  
Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA

Gender Fairness Workshop (St Luke's Innovative Resources & Women's Health Loddon Mallee)  
Date: 22 April 2015  
Location: University College, Parkville, VIC  
Registration: [Innovative Resources](#)

[National Volunteer Week](#)

Date: 11-17 May 2015  
National

[National Families Week](#)

Date: 15-21 May 2015  
National

[Child Aware Approaches Conference](#)

Date: 18-19 May 2015  
Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

[Financial Counselling Australia Conference](#)

Date: 18-20 May 2015  
Venue: QT, Canberra

[The Australian and New Zealand Addiction Conference](#)

Date: 20-22 May 2015  
Venue: Outrigger Surfers Paradise, Queensland

[13th National Rural Health Conference](#)

Date: 24-27 May 2015  
Venue: Darwin Convention Centre

[2015 National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation \(NACCHO\) Health Summit](#)

Date: 16-18 June 2015  
Venue: Gold Coast Convention Centre

[No2Bullying Conference](#)

Date: 29-30 June 2015  
Venue: Outrigger Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast

[16th International Mental Health Conference](#)

Date: 12-14 August 2015  
Venue: QT Hotel, Gold Coast

[9th National LGBTI National Conference](#)

Date: 13-15 August 2015  
Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

[National Op Shop Week](#)

Date: 23-30 August 2015  
National

[Relationships and Intimacy as We Age](#) (COTA-Alzheimer's Australia)

Date: 8-9 September 2015  
Venue: Pullman on the Park, Melbourne

[Anglicare Australia National Conference](#)

Date: 13-16 September 2015  
Location: Canberra

[SNAICC \(Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care\) National Conference](#)

Date: 15-17 September 2015  
Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

[Australian Social Policy Conference](#)

Date: 28-30 September 2015  
Venue: University of NSW, Sydney

[LASA National Congress](#)

Date: 11-14 October 2015  
Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

[6TH National Australian Men's Shed Association Conference](#)

Date: 17-20 October 2015  
Venue: Civic Precinct Newcastle

[National Housing Conference 2015](#)

Date: 28-30 October 2015  
Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre