

Adelaide Indigenous Business Centre

The AIBC was launched in May by Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue.



Sue Park (CEO of UCW)
Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue
and AIBC logo designer
Leah Torzyn at the AIBC launch.

The AIBC is a collaborative initiative of UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide, Indigenous Business Australia and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

The AIBC aims to maximise business success by providing practical assistance in the early foundational stages with mentoring, training, formal and informal business assistance, pro-active encouragement, networking and helping to establish a professional business culture.

Business Incubators are non-profit development centres that provide a range of business services in a nurturing and supportive environment, for start-up and emerging businesses. They play an important role in the development and sustainability of a business life cycle.

Launching the Centre, Professor O'Donoghue said "My hope is that the Business Centre will develop diverse and sustainable businesses that will have a long and positive impact on our communities, both in the Aboriginal community and the broader Australian community."

The AIBC is located at 47-49 Waymouth Street and provides professional office suites, incorporating many attractive benefits to successful applicants such as car parking, security and a board room for meetings and presentations. ■

Visit to the APY Lands

On a recent visit to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjara Lands, UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide's Rev. Peter McDonald was told on three different occasions that there has been no substantial progress in relations with Aboriginal communities for thirty years.

Why? Ernabella mission (on the APY lands) began in 1937 as part of the life of the Presbyterian Church. The Missionaries subsequently left in response to the growing sense that self determination was a necessary part of the vision of the future for Aboriginal communities.

Peter asks, how are we to respond to the statement "We want the white fella missionaries back"?

Ernabella had at its heart an approach to integration (not assimilation) that focussed on listening to indigenous people and responding to issues as they arose.

Other missions had doomed models of assimilation, telling Aboriginal people what they thought they needed to know and often forced issues, like stopping people from speaking their local language.

UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide has inherited a living connection to that mission which set out to walk alongside people in remote South Australia.

When the "white fella" missionaries left Ernabella mission, what also went was a group of people who generally practised empathetic listening and also knew that Anangu people are the best and only people to realise a positive vision for their own future.

To this end, UCW Adelaide has developed The Anangu Paper Tracker. The Paper Tracker is a new website that will bring together information on all of the things that governments have said they will provide to communities in South Australia.

The main goals of the Paper Tracker are to make it easier for Anangu to:

- Find accurate, up-to-date information on projects and services that are important to them
- Talk with governments as equal partners
- Make informed decisions
- Participate in broader debates about their future.

Most of all, the Paper Tracker is about making sure that governments talk straight with Anangu and keep their promises.

"The Anangu need the support and understanding of people who believe in what they have to say. I know that, in the past, you have supported indigenous rights and in celebrating Reconciliation Week and 40 years since the Referendum, you will support our efforts to help the people of the APY lands" said Peter. ■



Pictured in the APY Lands are UCW Adelaide Chair Julie Redman and interpreter Lucy Lester and Paper Tracker Co-ordinator Jonathan Nicholls and Rev. Peter McDonald.

New Family Relationships Centre and New Manager



Andrew Drummond (pictured) was recently appointed to the position of Team Manager, Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre.

The Family Relationship Centres are for people seeking to strengthen family relationships, prevent separation and enable parents to resolve conflict after separation.

Andrew brings extensive experience to this new role within the organization, not only from his past 6 years as Team Manager of Streetlink Youth Health Service, but also through his prior work as a Family Therapist in the Adolescent Mediation and Family Therapy funded program within Youth and Parent Services. He has a sound knowledge of the Family Relationships Services Program within which the new FRC is funded.

"I believe the Family Relationships Centre is a really exciting opportunity to provide a service that will engage and support families in alternative ways of resolving their arrangements for child care that reduces the reliance on the Family Court" said Andrew. ■

Respite to Go for Employed Carers "Helping you maintain the balance"

UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide has launched a new respite program to support employed carers and those studying to enter the workforce.

Respite may be available to those who work full or part-time, are studying and who also care for a person who is frail aged over 65 years or has dementia.

UCW Adelaide recognises how important paid work is and also understands how important caring for another person is.

Group Manager of Rural & Remote Services, Merridy Schofield, says "Whilst this respite may not solve everybody's total care needs, it will enable carers to continue to work and do a bit extra or study. This program is flexible and can respond to carers who may require some one-off assistance. "

This service is available throughout the northwest of South Australia, including Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, and the Yorke Peninsula. ■

Our Own Special IDAHO

Bfriend celebrated International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) on May 17 with a morning tea for UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide staff to thank them for the wonderful support that has been shown to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities in Adelaide.

The date of May 17 is significant as it was on that day in 1990 when the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses.

Homosexuality is still a crime in over 75 countries and in many countries the punishment can be more than ten years in jail. In a few countries the death penalty may be carried out.



Australia has one of the highest rates of male youth suicide in the world. Studies show that young gay men are up to three times more likely to contemplate and attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers.

Pictured enjoying morning tea, Bfriend worker Paul Stone with Streetlink's Dr. Vicki Bennett. ■

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Byron Place celebrated its 13th birthday on the 26th June and the party started with a pancake breakfast for clients and staff.

About 150 people then enjoyed a bbq lunch and an enormous birthday cake.

Celebrations also included movies and games and a friendly chat.

Byron Place is a Community Centre for Adelaide's homeless, providing counselling, basic services and advocacy. The centre's main goal is to create a chance for change with dignity.

"Because we don't get to celebrate every individuals birthday, we have a general birthday on the anniversary of the building at Byron Place so that everybody gets to celebrate " said Marj Schofield, Team Manager. ■



Italian Village Community Care

Wesley 4 Training will deliver a Certificate 3 in Aged Care for 15 Personal Care Workers for Italian Village Community Care beginning at the end of July.

The program has been customised to meet the needs of the organisation and will be delivered fortnightly. The funding for this program is being

sourced from the Australian Work Skills Voucher Program which funds individuals over the age of 25 who do not have a qualification at Certificate 2 level or higher.

This program brings the employer, employee and funding together to provide an effective and affordable training solution. ■

Goodwill Volunteers Needed

Goodwill is seeking volunteers to help staff their 11 Adelaide stores.

No previous experience is necessary as on-the-job training is provided and volunteers are required to work half day shifts.

If you can spare a few hours a week or month we would love to hear from you. Phone 8262 4437 for further information. ■

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