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From the CEO's Desk
Welcome to the latest update from Anglicare NT. Some important achievements and developments have taken place at Anglicare NT over the past few months and I am delighted to share them with you.

Anglicare NT have signed the lease on 1000m2 of office space at Winnellie in Darwin. This will be the site of our new Head Office, ideally located between the city, Palmerston and the northern suburbs and only 5 minutes away from the Ludmilla office. Details of opening...
dates will follow in the next couple of months. We look forward to having more of our staff and services co-located, with the ultimate aim of improving efficiencies in administration and service delivery.

In May we received formal advice that we have achieved National Accreditation against the Quality Improvement Council Health & Community Services Standards for the whole of Anglicare NT and the National Standards for Mental Health Services for headspace Darwin. I would like to acknowledge the combined efforts of all Anglicare NT staff in working towards a cohesive organisation focussed on quality outcomes for our clients. Not only have we met all of the standards required, we have a solid action plan for continuous quality improvement that will guide our systems and procedures development over the next three years.

It was an enormous pleasure for me to attend the Australian Doctors Orchestra concert on the 19th of June. I would like to thank the orchestra for choosing Anglicare NT as the charity for this event. The funds raised will go along way in assisting young parents with childbirth and the early stages of the parenting journey.

Dave Pugh
Chief Executive Officer

Anglicare NT NAIDOC 2016 Celebrations

Anglicare NT across the Northern Territory celebrated NAIDOC week with various activities. The team in Darwin had flag raising ceremony and gathering in the gardens at Ludmilla. Katherine and Nhulunbuy staff had BBQ lunch, meanwhile Alice Springs staff had a NAIDOC Cultural Tour to Rainbow Valley. Anglicare NT also supported NAIDOC march and the National NAIDOC award held in Darwin on the Friday 8th July.

Dave Pugh, Anglicare NT CEO wrote: NAIDOC 2016 theme “Songlines” has various meaning and culture to acknowledge, both ancient and modern:

- At the launch of our Strategic Plan the Yolngu traditional owners of Nhulunbuy sung to us the ‘sugarbag’ dreaming song that traces the ancestral travel and creation story that finished at the Nhulun hill. What a great way to launch our plan.

- Two weeks ago the Larrakia people were finally granted the Kenbi Land Claim after 37 years of struggle.

- Next month we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the historic land rights of the Gurrindgi people following the 13 year strike at Wave Hill lead by Vincent Lingiari.
It is an honour to live and work in the NT on the lands of the Yolngu, the Larrakia, the Arrente, the Jawoyn and all the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live and work.

As an organisation we commit to strengthening our demonstration of appreciation, respect and effective partnership with Aboriginal people through our Reconciliation Action Plan.

Just What the Doctor Ordered!

Over 600 people turned out to witness the largest orchestra ever to play in Darwin. The Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO), made up of over 100 musicians, performed Music from Moscow at the Darwin Convention Centre on the 19th of June. The concert raised funds for Anglicare NT’s Pandanus Childbirth Education and Perinatal Support Program. The Pandanus Childbirth Education and Perinatal Support Program offers free child birth education classes to young pregnant women, post natal education and support for new mums under 25 years old.

The audience were treated to an amazing performance by the orchestra who performed under the baton of maestro Matthew Wood. Matthew is one of Australia’s most versatile and successful conductors and works regularly with some of the worlds leading orchestras, companies and ensembles. The concert featured a world premiere of a piece composed especially for the concert by local GP and chief concert organiser Dr Cathy Applegate titled Dysdiadochokinesis. Dysdiadochokinesis takes its name and inspiration from a medical term that refers to difficulty performing rapidly alternating movements. The short ten minute piece seemed to use every member of the orchestral family, from tuba and contra bassoon to piccolo, and harp and brought members of the audience to tears. There was a standing ovation for solo violinist Veronique Serret performing Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto. Veronique was described by members of the audiences as “incredible, amazing, energetic and truly inspiring”. Shostakovich’s Symphony in D minor was also performed - a composition of extraordinary intensity reflecting the composer’s life under the conservative regime of Stalin.

Anglicare NT are sincerely grateful to all members of the ADO, the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, our sponsors and volunteers, all of whom made this event possible.
Strategic Plan 2016-18 Launched

On 27th May the Chair of Anglicare NT, Mr Richard Giles, launched the agency’s three year strategic plan. Mr Giles spoke about the strategic direction of Anglicare NT at the launch:

“Since we launched our last plan here in Nhulunbuy in April 2013, Anglicare has grown and improved. We run many services and in this Strategic Plan we are putting additional emphasis on demonstrating that our services are effective and evaluated. The documents launched today emphasize our values and guiding principles. These are the approaches that shape us, even when change and challenge occurs, even when aspects of the future are uncertain or unpredictable. The plan emphasizes our foundations – our deep connection to the outreach work of the Anglican Church, shaped by the teachings of Christ. Similarly, it reflects our firm foundation of respect for Aboriginal culture, identity and knowledge”

Please download the Strategic Plan here.

headspace Darwin Celebration

headspace Darwin celebrated the official opening of their new centre at Casuarina and headspace National’s 10th birthday. headspace Darwin was opened in 2007 with Anglicare NT as the lead Agency. The birthday celebration provided an opportunity to showcase and highlight the need for high quality, youth-friendly mental health community services for all young people in Greater Darwin including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people; GLBTIQ young people, CALD young people and their family, friends or carers. headspace Darwin also celebrates accreditation against the National Standards for Mental Health Services.

There was something for everyone at the opening.
Activities included a photo booth, op shop, movie room, yoga session, art exhibition, a visit from Ralph the Therapy Dog and a huge chocolate cake. The opening was attended by the talented multi-disciplinary headspace team (past and current), Youthspace members (past and current), community partners, Anglicare NT Board Members and Mrs Natasha Griggs MP.

headspace Darwin is a FREE youth friendly health & wellbeing service for young people aged 12-25 seeking information and help for mental health and wellbeing. headspace is located at 13-17 Scaturchio St, Casuarina and can be contacted by calling 08 8931 5999.

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**Cultural Story Time**

National Families Day was a great success at Mimi Arts in Katherine. Service partnerships included Catholic Care, Mimi Arts & NT Friendships and Support. There were HIPPY activities, face painting, BBQ and Aboriginal artist Margaret Duncan engaged children in painting.

30 children, together with their families, attended the first cultural story time event! The morning involved two cultural story time books read by Valerie at Mimi Arts and cultural art work with artist Ron. The children also received a healthy morning tea. The families and children had a great day connecting with one another, services, community & culture.
Employment Success

Getting a job is one of the key ways to break the cycle of homelessness. Anglicare NT’s housing programs support clients to address issues linked to homelessness such as health concerns, domestic violence and gaining employment. After being assisted by one of Anglicare NT’s housing programs, Alice Springs man Stephen Booth has succeeded in getting a job with a local plumbing business and consequently secured his own accommodation.

To assist Stephen, Anglicare NT’s OutCare and Transitional Housing programs collaborated to provide support and assistance. Anglicare NT’s OutCare is a prison release program that works with offenders to support their reintegration into the community. The service provides short term accommodation and case management to support people to transition to a successful and sustainable return to independent living in the community. OutCare, in collaboration with the Transitional Housing Program, connect with employers and job networks to explore employment opportunities for clients. When a client obtains work, the case support worker continues to liaise between the client and employer to address any emerging concerns that could impact the new employee keeping the job.

Stephen is thrilled to now have both a home and a job. He is employed by QP Plumbing and has obtained his own accommodation through Central Australia Affordable Housing Company.

East Arnhem Children's Services Annual Recall

Anglicare NT East Arnhem Children’s Services employs Indigenous workers across East Arnhemland through Community Partners in the East Arnhem Communities 4 Children initiatives, and directly through the EA Communities 4 Children initiatives, the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) in Milingimbi, and Community Playgroups in Milingimbi, Numbulwar and Ngukurr.

Annual Recall in June 6-11 brought the Anglicare NT employed HIPPY Family Mentors, Family Skills Workers and Playgroups Workers together with EARC Nutrition and Wellbeing workers for training in Darwin. The week of training activities allow opportunity for Anglicare NT remote Indigenous workers to share their skills and experiences with those from other EA Communities; participate in induction activities; receive training in organisation wide requirements including Child Safe Workplace Training and Mandatory Reporting; and training in the use of the EACS Play and Learn Support (PALS) resource for supporting caregivers and guiding developmentally appropriate planning for children engaged
in EACS services.

A focus on telling stories throughout the training week included workers looking at First Language oral and print resources to use for pre-literacy activities with children from their communities, Ngukurr Playgroup Leader Marlene Rogers noted “When a child hears a story in their First Language their face just lights up”, and notes that when children are able to join activities with workers who share their language they are immediately engaged.

Training also covered ways of sharing stories about the operation of the EACS Initiatives and the positive impacts they make for children and their families. This includes training in recording and reporting participation and outcomes from the EA Children’s Services activities for funding bodies and community stakeholders.

The opportunity to share experiences and challenges with works from other communities was valued by all participants, but the most popular sessions were hands on training with IT where each team gained practical experience in sending and receiving emails, and using WebEx for video conferencing. We all look forward to continuing the communication and sharing through the use of technology when the workers return to their community workplaces.

Celebrating Reconciliation Week

Anglicare NT staff in Alice Springs attended a tour of the Museum of Central Australia during Reconciliation Week. The resident palaeontologist, Adam Yates, gave an interesting talk on the pre-human history of Central Australia going back millions years, including meteorite impact sites and the famous fossil site at Alcoota. Anthropologist Adam Macfie spoke on the human history of Central Australia with particular focus on the work of the Strehlow family in recording and preserving the culture of the local Aboriginal people. Shaun Angeles, an Arrernte man and Research Assistant for the Indigenous Repatriation Program at Strehlow Research Centre spoke passionately about the hopeful return of artefacts that were sent overseas in the 1900s. He explained how important the preservation of these artefacts is to the local men in particular and how important the work being undertaken at the Research Centre is to them.

Stephen Williamson, curator of the Araluen Arts Centre, led a tour of the current art exhibition. Tour participants then moved to the Anglicare NT Bloomfield office to view an exhibition of works by the local Indigenous Art Group that meets weekly to paint. Tour
participants took the opportunity to purchase works directly from the artists. This activity was organised by members of Anglicare NT's Reconciliation Action Plan Implementation Committee, Kumana Inkamala and Adam Holme.

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**Halve Australia's Homelessness Rate**

As identified in the findings of Anglicare Australia's 2016 Rental Affordability snapshot, a national plan to address housing affordability is required immediately. Nobody should be homeless in a country as prosperous as Australia, but increasingly, services are stretched to the limit and there is a critical shortage of affordable housing for people in need.

To address this issue, Anglicare Australia has joined up with a coalition of homelessness providers, including Mission Australia, UnitingCare Australia, Brotherhood of St Laurence, The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Wesley Mission, to urge all major political parties to commit to halving homelessness by 2025. In a joint letter sent to Malcolm Turnbull, Barnaby Joyce, Bill Shorten and Senator Richard Di Natale, they have asked that reducing homelessness be made a matter of national priority.

To generate public support for the campaign during the Federal Election the group has launched a petition on change.org. This petition is part of a broader campaign – Vote Home: Let's end the housing crisis by 2025 - that aims to encourage parties commit to a national strategy to address housing affordability and end the housing crisis by 2025.

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