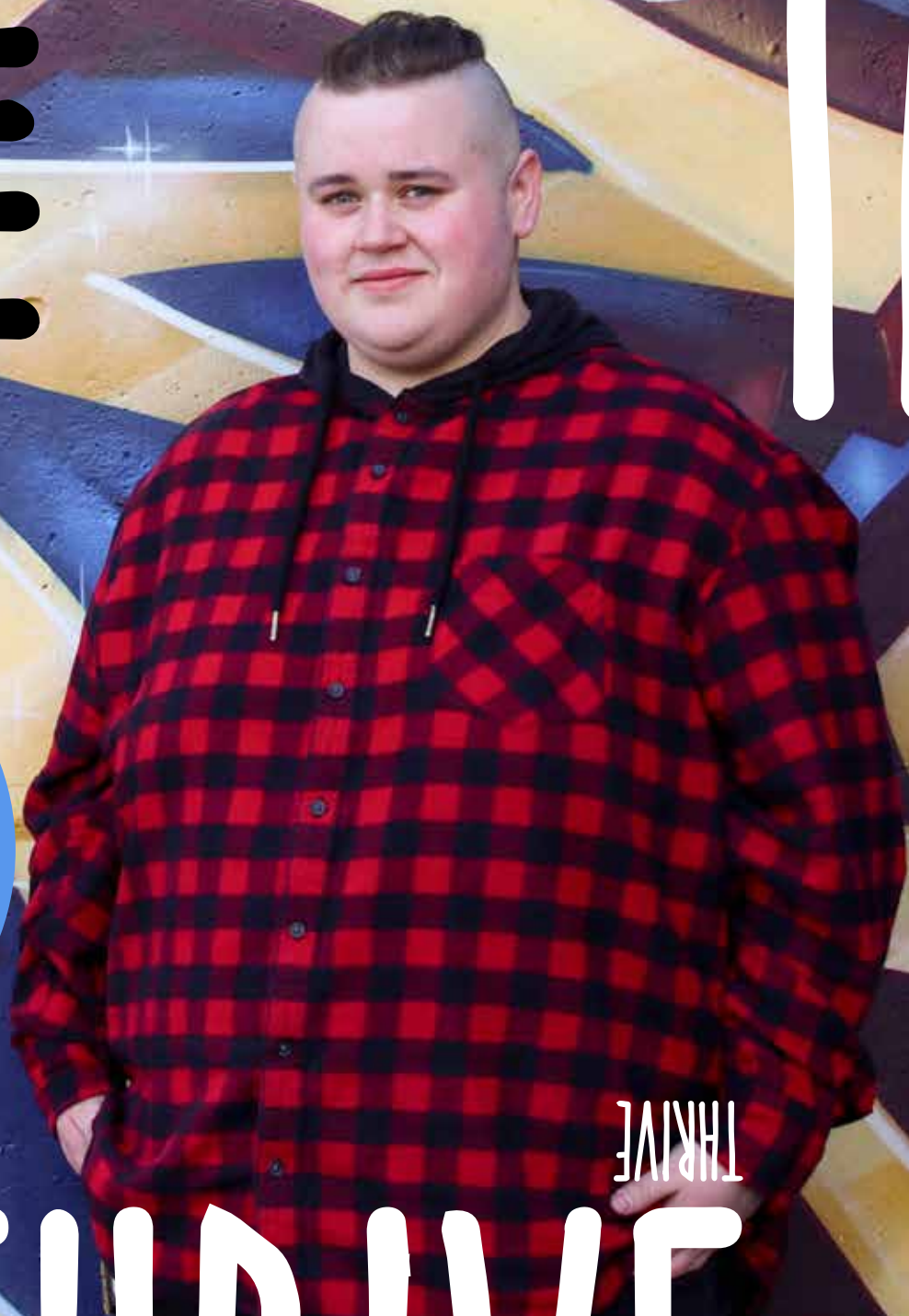


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THRIVE SUMMER 2020/21

WILL'S STORY

Things were looking up for Will until he lost his new job when the COVID-19 lockdowns began. Will, now 22, has been accessing Anglicare's The Junction Youth Health Services since he was 14 years old. Story continues on page 3.



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Christmas is said to be a time of hope, yet many of us will be feeling the loss or absence of loved ones as we gather around our Christmas table. Some of us will be reflecting on painful memories of the year that has been.

But we have a hope: that the promise of God's healing hand on a hurting world is for all of us. The Advent season is also a time to reflect on how we are working to bring to life the Kingdom of God today. This is the heart of Anglicare's mission of Hope and Healing.

Healing is a process that occurs within a community of relationships. This is why Anglicare believes community collaboration is key to recovery, and we why have employed bushfire recovery workers in four bushfire impacted communities: Eden, Bega, Moruya and Batlow. These coordinators are making a real difference in communities still struggling to recover.

Prior to the fires we had been developing a partnership with Thread Together, who are driving social and environmental change by redistributing excess garments from the fashion industry to people who are doing it tough through charities like Anglicare. Many people have already been assisted through this partnership.

I am also very excited to announce our Anglicare Rural Model to engage small, less-resourced parishes in local poverty alleviation. A pilot led by our rural chaplain the Rev'd Michael Palmer came to fruition this month with a local canoe building project with the local Aboriginal community group.

Finally I want to thank all our staff, volunteers and donors for their support and resilience during a challenging year of trauma and constant change. Please be encouraged. There is hope for healing.

Jeremy Halcrow

Jeremy Halcrow
Anglicare CEO



BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Months have passed since the New Year bushfires but Anglicare's Bushfire Recovery Coordinators are still supporting communities through the loss and trauma.

Mark and Sharon lost their home in the Dunn's Road Bushfire in January. The Anglicare Bushfire Recovery Team supported Mark and Sharon through their loss in a time that was difficult for many people.

Now Mark and Sharon are working with GJ Gardner Homes in Wagga Wagga to rebuild their home. GJ Gardner have introduced a program where they donate \$500 on behalf of families who are rebuilding after the bushfire.

And Mark and Sharon decided to give back to Anglicare. This is a story that reflects the spirit of the community so well! Thank you Mark, Sharon and GJ Gardner Homes Australia.

Thank you to everyone who supported Anglicare's Bushfire Appeal

485



485 people received emergency relief as a result of the bushfires.

\$1779



The average amount of relief totalled per person was \$1779.

100+



Material aid was given to over 100 people in Tumut and Batlow.

500+



Over 500 people in Moruya, Batemans Bay, Mogo and Bega received material aid.



Pantry appeal FOR CHRISTMAS

This Christmas period is shaping up to being one of the toughest our Emergency Relief teams have seen.

Much of the non-perishable food donations received earlier in the year have already been distributed to families in need. Anglicare thanks the incredible support of schools, churches

and individuals who have continued to donate food and toiletries during this time.

Recently a team of volunteers from Good Shepherd Anglican Church ran a collection at Curtin Shopping Centre in Canberra filling around 50 trolleys with food.

We also thank the students from Calwell Primary School who donated cans of food instead of coins for entry into their school disco. Many other groups have also stepped forward to assist. This generosity means that local families will receive the hampers they need to help them this Christmas season.



WILL'S STORY continued...

"I saw the doctors and the nurses for medical appointments, and the social workers helped me too. I suffer with depression and anxiety, so this is really helpful for me," says Will. "The youth workers even helped me to write my resume."

Thanks to the practical support Will received at The Junction, he found a job immediately after leaving school. *"I've never been unemployed until this year," explains Will.*

Because he had just taken on the role at his new job, he was not eligible for Jobkeeper.

Facing the awful reality of homelessness and trying to access Centrelink for the first time during a global pandemic, Will turned to the Anglicare team for help.

"To see him overcoming so many obstacles - getting back up when life has knocked him down - is so inspiring. He's persevered during all the challenges of

his hospitalisation and COVID, and he's continued to receive our help to move his life forward. He's an incredible young man," says a team member from the Junction.

"IF IT WASN'T FOR THE TEAM AT THE JUNCTION, I DON'T THINK I'D BE WHERE I AM TODAY."

- Will



Thread Together LAUNCH IN WAGGA WAGGA



Thread Together Launch event outside Wagga Wagga Anglican Church.



GET INVOLVED

On Wednesday 2 September, Anglicare in Wagga Wagga officially launched a partnership with Thread Together and their mobile clothing van. The partnership, which is already established with Anglicare on the NSW South Coast, allows vulnerable people in Wagga Wagga, Batlow, Tumut and Tumbaruma, some of whom have been effected by impacts of sustained drought and vast job losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic to access new and beautiful clothing for free.

Thread Together was founded in 2012 by Andie Halas who saw the potential for excess, new clothing to support people in need. Thread Together now clothes up to 2,000 people each week and supports hundreds of charities including Anglicare, St Vincent de Paul and The Salvation Army.

The Commonwealth Bank in Wagga Wagga also generously supports this initiative. With instances of domestic and family violence often increasing in times of disaster, Thread Together's mobile wardrobe will play a vital role in better equipping the local community to provide ongoing support after a tumultuous time.



ANGLICARE CEO, JEREMY HALCROW SAID, "WE'RE EXTREMELY EXCITED ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THREAD TOGETHER AND WHAT THIS WILL MEAN FOR FAMILIES IN THE WAGGA REGION. OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN REGIONAL COMMUNITIES WHO CAN OFTEN BE OVERLOOKED. EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS CLOTHING THAT GIVES THEM DIGNITY. THIS IS WHAT THREAD TOGETHER DOES SO WELL THROUGH THEIR NEW CLOTHING OPTIONS."



ANGLICARE AWARDED \$5.2 MILLION GRANT

TO ASSIST FAMILIES FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT has recently been awarded \$5.2 million by the Australian Government as part of the Safe Places Emergency Accommodation program assisting victims of domestic violence in regional NSW.

Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow said the grant would allow them to increase emergency accommodation and provide women and children somewhere safe to escape violence.

"Last year, Anglicare assisted over 1200 people struggling through our homelessness services across the region. This grant will help us enhance our current homelessness and housing supports in Goulburn and expand our service in Yass with the building of new emergency accommodation units. Our emergency accommodation units in Goulburn were first established in the 1970s and will be significantly renovated. Being able to offer such havens for people leaving traumatic environments will help them to heal and move forward with their lives," he said.

Anglicare will work with the rest of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn in developing church land for the expansion and enhancement of these services. The Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Mark Short said, *"We're incredibly grateful to receive this funding as it will make a huge difference to vulnerable families in regional areas. The well-being of women and children is central to our Diocesan mission and I look forward to Anglicare and local Parishes sharing in this new initiative."*

Work is scheduled to commence in 2021.



Congratulations LOUISE!

Goulburn Family Day Educator, Louise Hill, was recently awarded the Regional Educator Winner for Goulburn & Southern Tablelands in the 2020 Family Day Care Awards.

When reflecting on her 28-year career as an educator, Louise said the experience was a rewarding one. *"It's a wonderful experience that allows you to meet and serve families in the community."* says Louise.

Louise is passionate about creating one-on-one connections with the children in her care and she loves being able to give the children a 'home away from home' where they become part of the family.

Louise's award win comes as Anglicare's Family Day Care service is urgently seeking new educators to meet the increasing demand in the Goulburn region. *"People need to know that providing this service can be extremely fulfilling, an Anglicare is able to provide the training and support they need to qualify as an educator"* says Rose Young, Anglicare ECEC Manager.

For more information about becoming a Family Day Care Educator, call (02) 4823 4050.

Goulburn Family Day Educator, Louise Hill.
Photo from Goulburn Post.



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FOSTER CARE WEEK

Anglicare's Carer Support team recently ran online foster care information sessions for people interested in finding out more about becoming a foster carer. The online COVID-safe information sessions were run as part of Foster Care Week promotions held in September to promote the amazing work that foster carers do, and to encourage more people to consider becoming carers themselves. Over 40 enquiries were received as part of the initiative.

One of Anglicare's current foster carers is Cahli. She's been a carer for over 10 years, and says, "I think being a foster carer is really rewarding... If people are thinking about foster care,

don't disregard it. You are an advocate for the child in your care, helping them through the trauma they have experienced."

Cahli and her family have cared for the same child for the past decade, and consistent contact has been maintained with the child's maternal grandparents, and now also her mother. Anglicare has supported Cahli through her journey as a foster carer, providing ongoing training and support.

For more information about becoming a foster carer, visit anglicare.com.au or stsaviours.org.au

Foster carer, Cahli



Thank you KELLOGGS

In September, Kelloggs Australia donated 120 boxes of cereal to help families in need, particularly those struggling as a result of COVID-19 job losses. Anglicare volunteers immediately began delivering these to our emergency relief hubs in Canberra. Thank you to businesses like Kelloggs who have helped make 2020 a little brighter for families who are struggling.



DISABILITY DAY CENTRE FOR CROOKWELL

Anglicare has begun offering support services for people in Crookwell who are living with a disability.

The service operates at the Anglican Parish of Crookwell on Denison Street offering activities and programs for community activities based on the needs of the clients.

Anglicare's disability operations manager for southern NSW and ACT, Sallyann Allport, said "We



see this day centre as being a wonderful connection point for people of all abilities in this community. It will reduce the stress on disability clients and their families with reduced travel time and expense, and more opportunities to participate in activities locally."

Anglicare operates similar centres in Canberra and Goulburn.

Rev'd Wayne Landford from Crookwell Anglican Parish, and Sallyann Allport from Anglicare.

More than 650 Australian school students participated in the 2020 Pens Against Poverty Writing Competition – with Western Australian students joining the competition for the first time!

The Pens Against Poverty competition encourages schools, teachers and students to become educated in the important issues of poverty and homelessness in our communities in Australia, while developing unique creative voices through writing.

Jackie French OAM, award-winning Australian writer and Pens Against Poverty competition judge says "this competition can be seen as a starting point for young people to begin to study, understand and empathise with the many different forms of poverty and the



Student winners from Canberra Grammar School

complexity around its issues."

This year the Pens Against Poverty Awards Ceremony was hosted online and broadcast to classrooms of 50 participating schools in ACT, NSW and WA during Anti Poverty Week. Prizes were mailed to award winning students.

A paragraph from Emily Rock (Year 10, Telopea Park School)

Your words make it feel like a wave has crashed upon the shore that I call my home, It sucks me out into the dark swirling water, your anger reflected in the crashing chaos of the sea. As much as I know it's tearing the clothes off bones, I've lost the urge to fight, I've lost the urge to swim against the rip back to shore. So I simply let it take me, let you take me, down, down, down, into the swirling mess of the sea and the sky. Just as you allow the waves to slow, I'm lost. I see my very core floating away with the tide, waving goodbye with an absent minded smile.

GOD OF COMPASSION: A Lenten Journey



2020 has been a challenging year. We've been reminded daily that we are all dependent on each other, and our actions affect people we may never meet. Interdependence is familiar to anyone who walks with our compassionate God.

The Public Issues Commission, with the support of Anglicare, is offering a six-week study which looks at what God has to tell us about compassion in the public sphere: for those in our parish, in our Anglican communion, nationally and intergenerationally.

The Lenten Studies will challenge us to think about our circles of care, and hopefully to enlarge them a little.

The study is available online on and in booklet form. There is a nominal cost for hard copy to cover printing and postage. Any profits will be donated to Anglicare.

Visit <https://anglicancg.org.au/god-of-compassion-a-lenten-journey/> or phone 02 6245 7101 to order your copy.



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