



# Believe

Thread Together, in partnership with Anglicare WA, has opened Western Australia's first clothing hub at The Square Mirrabooka.

Thread Together's mobile wardrobe – a brightly coloured van packed with new clothing and shoes, has been supporting Western Australians in need since 2021. The establishment of a permanent hub is a significant step forward in providing dignity to some of the state's most vulnerable people.

Clients who have been referred from one of our many partners can come to the hub and access end-of-season, brand-new clothing, shoes and accessories from designers, manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers across Australia for free.



## Two new launches!

THREAD TOGETHER + HEADSPACE



headspace officially opened centres in Karratha and Hedland. Karratha – the 150th headspace centre to open in Australia – kicked off celebrations with a fun-filled day for the community to enjoy. It was a privilege to see Federal and State MPs come together with the local community in support of such a vital service. In Karratha, Ngarluma and Yindjibarndi man Clinton Walker performed the Welcome to Country, followed by a Ngunda with Ngarluma dancers. The crowd was treated to performances from local musicians, a sausage sizzle and face painting for kids. [\[See over...\]](#)



BELIEVE | SPRING ISSUE  
**WELCOME FROM OUR CEO**

Robin Williams once said that Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's party!". It is the time of growth and beauty as flowers abound, the days get longer and warmer and we think about refreshing our homes and ourselves.

In this spirit I welcome you to our Spring 2023 edition of Believe.

In this edition, we share with you some of our new beginnings. We recently celebrated the formal opening of our new headspace centres in Karratha and South Hedland. The journey to this point has been six years long and it was a real pleasure to see those communities embrace these offerings.

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Recently we also opened a Thread Together Clothing Hub in Mirrabooka. Thread Together is an exciting initiative that supports people doing it tough and is also good for the environment. We are proud to have brought Thread Together to Western Australia and I encourage you to have a look at that story; you will not be disappointed.

In this edition, we thank some of our long-term supporters. We introduce you to our Winter Appeal Committee, which has once again hit it out of the park, and share some of the special gifts we have received of late.

It is clear to everyone that some in our community are going through a pretty tough time at the moment. The cost-of-living and



*The headspace and Anglicare WA crew*

housing crises are combining to put real pressure on families; many of whom we have not seen before. On their behalf I thank you for your support of our work and hope that you enjoy this edition of Believe.

Kind regards,

**MARK GLASSON**  
ANGLICARE WA CEO

**[headspace story continued from cover]**

At Hedland's event, the community toured the new centre, whilst members of the Youth Advisory Group recorded a podcast.

Karratha and Hedland were co-designed with local young people and their families, the local community, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, and all levels of government. The spaces provide local young people with support services for both physical and mental health, wholesalers, and retailers across Australia for free.



In line with our Anglicare WA Net Zero goals, our newsletter is printed on FSC® certified paper.

# To the chapel, finally!

## OP SHOP BALL WRAP

After missing 2022 due to COVID, the Op Shop Ball 2023 presented by APM was back bigger than ever. We FINALLY got ourselves to the chapel!

500 guests were dressed to impress, with wedding dresses, 80's shoulder pads and members of the clergy being well represented. MC Cameron Daddo of Perfect Match fame, guaranteed that the guests were entertained from go to woah, even facilitating a rogue vow renewal by Elvis.

The dancefloor was packed early, with phenomenal entertainment from the Oz Boys and the party continued with Forever 80's who played all the crowd favourites. However, as always, the highlight was the Best Dressed segment where Berna(dette) truly stole the show in a strapless wedding gown. The quality of the costumes and outfits were at an all-time high and everybody went to an enormous effort. This is where the joy of the Op Shop Ball really shines.

Amidst the fun of the night, there was a seriousness to why everyone was there – to raise much needed funds for services like Young Hearts, a free counselling service that empowers children to overcome domestic violence physical, psychological and emotional trauma. All children deserve to be safe and free from violence, and Anglicare WA's Young Hearts service helps to keep hope



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alive for children who have lost their voice and forgotten how to dream.

***Thanks to everyone involved we can support an additional 330 young people and their families to heal from family and domestic violence.***

## **IN LOVING MEMORY - Easily create a memorial page to remember a loved one**

Find strength, comfort and hope knowing your loved one's memory and values live on by supporting a cause your loved one was passionate about. Our newly refreshed In Loving Memory page gives you control and is fully supported, to create a meaningful tribute.

*Please contact Anita on 9263 2091 for the perfect page for your loved one.*



## 27 OCTOBER Central Park Plunge

We are on the hunt for 50 people who are up for the challenge of abseiling 130m down Central Park Tower in the Perth CBD.

The Central Park Plunge is Australia's tallest charity abseil. You can abseil from the 33rd floor on your own or make up a team of 4 to make it the ultimate bonding experience.

No abseiling experience is required... but you must have the desire to make the world just a bit better by fundraising \$1100 for youth homeless services at Anglicare WA.

Each night, 122,000 Australians experience homelessness. Over 9,700 are homeless in Western Australia and 3,000 of those are under the age of 25 – some as young as 12. As the cost-of-living crisis continues, at Anglicare WA, we know it is as important as ever to support these young people and give them a hand up – not just a hand out.

If you are up for the challenge, join us at Central Park Plunge on October 27. There are only 50 spots!

*To register, head to [centralparkplunge.com.au/register](http://centralparkplunge.com.au/register) or for information reach out to the team on 9263 2091 or [getinvolved@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:getinvolved@anglicarewa.org.au)*

### REMEMBERING Michael Pitt

If you read our last issue, you may recall our heartwarming story of Michael Pitt, one of our amazing supporters who raised over \$35,000 for charity by taking the Plunge six times.

Michael was a beloved husband, father and friend. Sadly, Michael passed away earlier this year after a valiant battle with cancer. He helped so many people through his charity work. When asked what his legacy would be, he said:

*"I would hope that I've inspired a few people to be brave and live a life with no regrets. That they would do the things they dream of and never say 'I wish I had done that, travelled there or told somebody how special they were'. Lastly, I hope I'll be remembered as a good Dad to Ava and Ellie, a great partner in crime to Karen and be remembered as a good person who tried to inspire and help others make their lives better in some small way."*

*This year, the team at Anglicare WA will be rallying behind one of our own who will be taking part in Michael's honour. Michael, we hope you know how special you were to us.*



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## The gift of stories

The wonderful students at St George's Anglican Grammar School recently organised a school-wide book drive. Collecting some amazing titles suitable for children aged 0-5 years including classics such as Wombat Stew, they decided that the books should be donated to a worthy cause – Anglicare WA's Arbor Grove Child Parent Centre. Arbor Grove CPC has free programs to assist children to be ready to start school and to become happy, confident learners. The books were in beautiful condition and the children at the centre have been enjoying them immensely.



## WINTER APPEAL WRAP

Every year, we are blown away by the ongoing support of the work we are doing to help those in need. This winter we asked for your help for those affected by the current cost-of-living and housing crisis, and you responded with heart. Because of the support we received, our Emergency Relief program is able to support more families to put food on the table and keep the lights on tonight. Thank you.

*The Winter Appeal Committee has been a huge support to Anglicare WA for nearly 30 years. A special thank you to Chairman Warwick Hemsley AO and committee members Ben Devenish, Bill Hassell AM JP, David Alder, Frank Brennan, Geoff Potter, Jemma Sanderson, Monique Ridley and Robert Perman.*





## SUPPORTING **Future Advocates**

Anglicare WA has always been actively involved with local schools. Our mission is to prevent problems before they arise, provide education around social issues and support future advocates so they may help to build a brighter future.

Our School Ambassadors program is one way we connect with students to introduce them to the concept of advocacy, and assist them to advocate for issues they are passionate about – both during their time as ambassadors and beyond.

Starting this year, all ambassadors will be invited to join the Ambassador Alumni as they finish secondary school. This group of former Anglicare WA Ambassadors will be given the opportunity to attend advocacy/networking events, advocacy training sessions and volunteer opportunities, to further enhance their advocacy skills and ability to advocate in their communities and workplaces.

The Ambassador program also ties in with our It Only Takes One program which educates students on a variety of topics. It is the stepping stone for prevention, by helping students understand at an early age how they can have an impact on these things in their own community.

*For more information on what we are doing in schools, please contact Kelly Keall on [kelly.keall@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:kelly.keall@anglicarewa.org.au)*



## **Safewill** PARTNERSHIP

Empowering you, our supporters, is always something we strive for and one of the ways we can do this is to ensure your legacy and wishes live on.

That is why we have partnered with Safewill, an online platform to create your Will. Safewill is user-friendly and provides clear and concise instructions to guide you through every step of the process. From the comfort of home, you can now write a valid Will, ensuring your wishes are documented and legally binding.

Through this partnership, Anglicare WA and Safewill are making the process simple, accessible, and affordable for the 70% of Australians that don't have a legally binding Will. This partnership offers an incredible opportunity to prepare a valid Will online for just \$80 (50% discount).

*For information use the QR or phone Matthew Correia on 9374 2409*



HELP US PROMOTE  
**FAIRNESS,  
EQUITY AND  
RESPECT**

Anglicare WA is on a mission to connect with people who are willing to speak up about social issues, build community awareness about barriers and solutions, and amplify our calls for change. Sounds like you?

If so, sign up to become a Community Advocate. It takes many voices, from many directions, to bring about social and policy change. *Please lend your voice to ours!*  
Email [advocacy@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:advocacy@anglicarewa.org.au)

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ADVOCACY PERSONA?



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