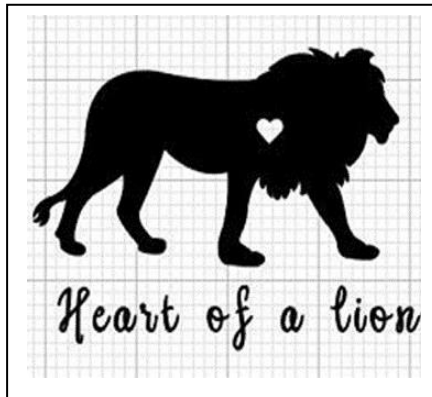


L'ARCHE ADELAIDE NEWSLETTER



**A strong
lion-hearted
community**



At a recent L'Arche Adelaide gathering Ass. Prof. Lorna Hallahan, our Ambassador, led a session where she invited us to share words on topics related to our community life. The word sharing concerned the topics of: Strengths; Belonging; Contribution; and Home. Other conversation was around Celebration & Forgiveness; as well as Interdependence (mutuality). Over coming newsletters we'll address these topics, along with the relevant word sharing. However, let's begin with the prefacing story that Lorna shared.

Her story concerned Allan Marshall, famous for his much-loved autobiography *I Can Jump Puddles*. As a youngster Allan was diagnosed with polio. He was placed in a hospital for a long stay, alongside several men. They used to push his cot out into the sun, and he'd listen to them smoking and talking. One day a man's face appeared and looked down at him. He said, "You have the heart of a lion". From that day on he decided he would strive to be a lion-hearted-boy. We are a community of God's people, some with, and others without, an intellectual disability. We strive to mutually love each other (1John 4:7). What lion-hearted strengths can we share with each other? From the sharing Lorna initiated, our many strengths include:

Persistence, resilience, grit, pride, a long view, courage, faith, advocacy, trust, patience, vision, vulnerability, spirituality, humour, balance, determination, strength, joy, self-belief, fearlessness, honesty, generosity, humility, tenacity, clear purpose, welcoming.

Wow! ...What a great fund of strengths we bring to our community. And we're much stronger, as in the image of a lion, when we share them with each other. We are lion-hearted! Thanks be to God!

Rev. Dr. Trevor Whitney, Chair, L'Arche Adelaide Board

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Weekly Prayer

L'Arche Australia has initiated a new tradition in L'Arche and is now holding an online weekly time of quiet reflection and prayer.

It is held every Thursday from 7:00 to 7:30 PM South Australian time.

The Zoom link remains the same each week:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643471339?pwd=QVNQb2tzSUh5SHFZRWZhTWpKenl1QT09>
(Meeting ID: 826 4347 1339; Passcode: 542630)

All Welcome - Join Anytime

Happy Birthday!

Jun Jul Aug

13 Lyn K	17 Dianne	4 L'Arche International (57 years)
20 Mel Z	31 John S	5 Tim H

Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating birthdays in June, July & August.

Let us know if you want to be added to our birthday list.

Jubilee Prayer

Loving God,
 You called us into being and gave us our mission.
 Thank you for the gift of one another.
 Thank you for our journey together in L'Arche from the beginning till now.
 Help us continue to grow in our response to you,
 Listening to your voice within us,
 Seeing you around us,
 Delighting in our gifts,
 Forgiving one another for our failings,
 Trusting in you, and
 Welcoming tomorrow in Faith, Hope and Love.

Eileen Glass has recently retired from her role in L'Arche Australia as Director, Fundraising and Development. Over the last 43 years, Eileen has held many L'Arche roles in Australia, Canada, Asia-Pacific and for L'Arche International.



“With thanks to Eileen Glass, for faithfulness on the journey of L'Arche in Australia; for her gift of wisdom, leadership, spirituality and celebration” -

Julia Walters, Board Chair, L'Arche Australia

Prayer Points

- We pray for Eileen Glass who has retired from her service in L'Arche roles across the world over the past 43 years, including her most recent role as Director, Fundraising & Development for L'Arche Australia. We pray that she can enjoy her retirement knowing that she has been a blessing to the people of L'Arche world-wide.
- We pray for our Australian Leaders, David Treanor & Claire Lawler and the L'Arche Australia Board Chair, Julia Walters, that they can carry out their roles in a responsible & faithful manner.
- We pray for our Board members: Trevor Whitney, Rochelle Whelan, Lyn Whitney, Lisa Christo, Julie Sutherland & Mel Zerner as they meet monthly to manage the governance, operations & planning of L'Arche Adelaide. Give them guidance & wisdom to make good decisions for the benefit of L'Arche, its members & friends for the future.
- We pray for our Community Development Coordinator, Lara Damiani as she continues to prepare for the opening of our community house

Vale Raven - our 4-legged community member



You may remember that in our last newsletter there was an article about our Labrador friend, Raven, who was a well-loved and regular participant of our L'Arche Adelaide gatherings for several years. It is with great sadness that we learnt of his passing in April after a time of declining health. Our heartfelt condolences were shared with Raven's special friends, Dianne and Rochelle, and they were very appreciative of this. Certainly he brought great joy to our community members and will be sadly missed at our gatherings.

"To know him was to love him."

Recent News - Community House Preparations

- Lara, our Community Development Coordinator has been busy working through our NDIS registration. We have completed the first stage of our NDIS Audit, with the second stage scheduled for July. Pending a successful second stage audit, we will be a registered NDIS Provider! Another completed step towards the opening of our community house!
- There will be **a chance to view the planned community house during our next L'Arche gathering on 4th July**. The house is adjacent to St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church on Dinwoodie Ave, Clarence Gardens.
- Preliminary preparations for recruiting significant staff appointments including the community leader role have commenced.
- We have recently applied for our first major grant, and further grant applications, to help with the establishment of the community house, are currently being explored.
- In conjunction with our ambassador, Assoc. Prof. Lorna Hallahan, we have developed a project called "Staying on Track: L'Arche vision and values alive and thriving in Adelaide". Pending the availability of the necessary resources, the project will investigate how L'Arche can successfully maintain its vision and values while working within the NDIS framework.

Finance Update

- The net cash position of L'Arche Adelaide on 15 June 2021 was \$46,604. THANK YOU for your donations over the last 3 months!
- The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 have now been audited and the Annual Information Statement for 2020 has been lodged with the Australian Charities & Not for Profits Commission (ACNC).
- We have made payments totalling approximately \$3,000 for Phase 1 of the NDIS audit & the audit of the financial statements.
- We are aiming to have net assets of approx. \$80,000 when we are expected to commence our accommodation house for people with disabilities later this year.
- This would assist us to have sufficient working capital to set up the house, cover NDIS registration costs and provide some buffer for unexpected expenditures.
- Please consider making **a tax-deductible donation before 30 June 2021** to assist us in meeting our goal. Thank you!

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Introducing our long time L'Arche member, Laura



Hello, my name is Laura Zantvoort and I have been a member of L'Arche since the Adelaide community began in 2013.

I am part of a big family with 3 older sisters and 1 older brother, plus 6 nieces and nephews. We love to celebrate special occasions together. I especially love birthdays with chocolate cake and balloons.



I share a house with my friend Gabby. We have been friends since we went to school together at St Patrick's. We like going out and about together to go shopping, attending Club Slick, Faith & Light, Friends for Life, concerts, festivals, going for walks along the beach or in parks, and swimming.



Recently I went to the Showdown with my friend Eugene, and Gabby and I went to the circus.

We also have fun at home with movie nights and BBQs with our neighbours.

I love music, movies, dancing and anything that involves having fun and meeting people. I also love face painting!!

(Thanks, Laura, for sharing a bit about yourself. Thanks Margie and Tracy for your help.)

