



What's News — August/September 2021

L'Arche Hobart Beni-Abbes Community

A letter to the L'Arche Beni-Abbes Community and friends

We write to update you regarding the life of our dear community and thank you for taking the time to read this important message. Our community of L'Arche Beni-Abbes has endured a 'winter season' as we grappled with significant changes and challenges. These changes have been confronting and often painful. Although the 'winter' has been difficult, there have also been signs of 'spring' and new life in the community. While we journeyed with our challenges there has been a deep sense of community spirit amongst our members with and without disability: together we shared community events, enjoyed each other's company over a cuppa and remained deeply faithful to our Identity and Mission. As a community it is clear that our commitment to each other is strong and unyielding.

While our community remains strong, the decision has been made by our Board and Council to cease operations/provision of NDIS services on or about 31 August 2021. Over the last 12 months the Board and Council have worked tirelessly and with one voice to adapt to challenges including, but not limited to, the complex policies of the NDIS and our desire to maintain the identity of a L'Arche Community with its commitment to sharing life between people with and without disability.

The decision to cease operations does mean changes for L'Arche Hobart, however, our community is neither folding nor closing down in any way, shape, or form. The main change for our community is our partnership with a service provider to take on NDIS service provision at 21. We have progressed our ongoing discussions with our core members, their representatives and GL Harwood and SJ Marston (the service provider) to agree that in principle and in practice, by or on 31 August 2021 GL Harwood and SJ Marston will be operating a Supported Independent Living (SIL) service at 21 as a transition from L'Arche Hobart. The discussions with Greg and Suzie from GL Harwood and SJ Marston have been formalised in

a signed Memorandum of Understanding between our organisations. We are grateful to Greg and Suzie for their 'yes' to this ongoing discussion. Greg and Suzie's longstanding experience in the disability sector, their values and passion are in line with the Mission and Identity of L'Arche Hobart.

As of 2 August 2021 all four core members now reside at 21. Hannah, Rosey, Louise and Garry are sharing life together and we are deeply grateful for their 'yes' to this new arrangement. We acknowledge the significant changes this brings to their lives in a very short space of time. For financial reasons the home at 34 St Aubyn Square, Moonah, has been listed for sale. This home was purchased by L'Arche Hobart in 2009 and we are pleased to announce a contract has been signed with a new owner. We are hugely grateful to those who prepared this home for sale including many long hours painting, repairing and cleaning. Special thanks to Garry, Hannah, Paula, Maria, Katrina, Carol (and family!) for going above and beyond in making the home so presentable in a short space of time.

L'Arche Hobart will continue to play a key role in the partnership with GL Harwood and SJ Marston including remaining the Head Tenant at 21: just this week we have signed a three year extension to the Lease with Housing Tasmania. Our ethos of mutually transforming relationships between people with and without disability will also remain at the heart of our community. We encourage people to continue accepting invitations for a meal, coming for a cuppa or simply sharing life in community. For the time being our community calendar will remain the same and we are committed to a future of community events including Café L'Arche.

As of September our main office will move away from the Parish office at 24 Hopkins St, Moonah. We are sincerely grateful to the Parish for its support and hope to continue the relationship moving forward. In the short term an office will be established at 40 Pirie St. The home at 40 Pirie St remains a cornerstone of our community and we will continue a

conversation with the Cathedral Parish about retaining the lease into the future. We acknowledge that significant maintenance will need to be carried out on the property: the building is in need of care, like all of us who enter into this wonderful home.

At this point in time we remain a L'Arche community with full membership of the Federation. Moving into the future we will continue our constructive dialogue with L'Arche Australia about the future of our membership from September 2021 onwards. We welcome your input into this process and your voice will be key in moving forward. We also remain a charitable organisation and are able to take donations. Any money donated to L'Arche Hobart will specifically go towards the community fund used to build community and run events. We will keep you informed immediately if there are any changes to our charitable status.

As you have read, this is a time of transition and transformation. We encourage the need to take time in discerning a future for our community: you are an important part of this discernment and we would like you to share in the journey. As a first step in this discernment we would like to gather as a community and spend time with each other, catch up and check in. While Community Council will spend a short time providing input, the main focus of this time will be to share a BBQ meal and simply 'be' as a community. Please keep **Sunday 19 September from 1pm** at 40 Pirie St free and send a quick RSVP to hobart.leader@larche.org.au so we can cater appropriately.

We appreciate this update may come as a surprise and the changes mean there will be time for adjustment. Nevertheless we move forward with courage and hope knowing that our community remains vibrant, faithful and full of life.

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to the life of our community.

Brendan Sullivan (Board Chair)
and *Stewart Betts* (A/g Community Leader) L'Arche Hobart

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L'Arche Hobart (Beni-Abbes)

Mission Statement
(in conjunction with the International Identity and Mission Statement)

At Beni-Abbes we are people with and without disability who create homes and community.

We share our lives in real friendships, as we cook, share meals, pray together, talk, listen, help each other, through the good and the hard times in the spirit of love, as a sign of hope to others.

God is revealed to us when we celebrate and gather to pray and through relationships that are built on faithful, open and welcoming hearts.

Dear L'Arche friends,

Not much to add this month. This is a combined Aug/Sept edition because the August edition is running so late. Please take time to read the important letter from Brendan and Stewart on the front page.

Many thanks to Rosemary Dean and her sister Jenny Price for the tribute to their wonderful Dad.

Stay warm!

Claire Manthorpe

Editor

Events!

Tuesday **7 September** – **Solidarity** – 6 to 8 pm,
40 Pirie St, New Town

Sunday **19 September** – **Community BBQ**,
1 pm, 40 Pirie St

Tuesday **5 October** – **Solidarity** – 6 to 8 pm,
40 Pirie St

Wednesday **20 October** – **Coffee Night** – 7 to
8.30 pm, 40 Pirie St

All welcome

Prayer Points



This month we especially pray for:

- * all members of our community: core members, assistants, staff, board members, community council, volunteers, families and friends
- * Kate and Garrett Leitch as they make their new home in Queensland and await the safe arrival of their first grandchild
- * Michael Hutchinson as he prepares to step down as Community Leader of L'Arche Brisbane after 13 years in that role
- * communities that are living with the stress of the Covid lockdown
- * leaders and boards of L'Arche world-wide as they lead in difficult times

Invitation to Australia-wide Weekly Prayer

Join the L'Arche Australia Community by Zoom for a half hour time of prayer and reflection on

the Gospel of the day, finishing with the prayer below. This link will be active every Thursday evening at 7.30 pm AEST. Suitable for households and individuals (everyone!). Full details on L'Arche Australia Facebook page.

L'Arche International Jubilee Prayer 1964-2014

*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.*

A message from L'Arche Australia:

Thanks to everyone who voted for L'Arche Australia at **My Giving Circle**. We received a \$2000 grant among the June 2021 winners. Your weekly vote helps us achieve our goals of providing opportunities for inclusion and welcome for people with a lived experience of intellectual disability.

To add a vote, go to mygivingcircle.org or go to the **L'Arche Australia Facebook** page to find the direct link. Thank you! It doesn't cost anything although there is an option to make a donation if you wish.

A prayer for Afghanistan

**For those who are
fleeing: sanctuary**

**For those who are
staying: safety**

**For those who are
fighting: peace**

**For those whose hearts
are breaking: comfort**

**For those who see no
future: hope**

July Café L'Arche



Scott, John, Garry and Rosey making great music, as always.



Arren made his debut, singing "ABC"



Wandering minstrels, roving around the tables...



Who knew you could climb into a tamborine?



Rosey's Dad turns 90

My name is Rosey Dean and my dad, Adrian Dean, celebrated his 90th birthday party on the 25th of July with a wonderful gathering at Snug Scout Boat Shed with his family and L'Arche friends. It was (in the usual Dean Style) a day of fun and activity.

He got to launch his latest boat, a wooden dinghy (a small 'roof topper'). All his great grandchildren enjoyed having a row, but the best bit was seeing Dad take his new 'baby' for a 'spin'. It was a great sight to see.



Adrian (Dad) was brought up as a country boy on the NW coast of Tasmania. He was born at Ridgley near Burnie and lived most of his school years at Latrobe. He went to Devonport High School where he met Peggy (who later became his wife.)

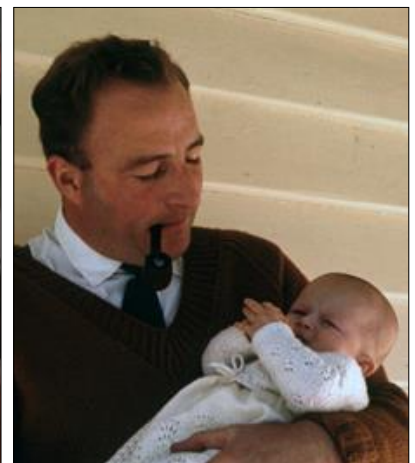
He moved to Hobart after leaving school to take up a boat building apprenticeship in Battery

Point at Muir's boatyard. He then trained as a woodwork and metalwork teacher.

Peggy and Adrian were married in 1953 and moved to Sheffield. Here they became involved with many community activities. Adrian became the Scout leader which is something that he maintained in all the places he lived. While living in Sheffield he and Peggy had three girls (Claudia, Jenny and Keren).

In 1958/59 Adrian went, as an ANARE expeditioner, to Macquarie Island as the base carpenter. As well as building he was involved with scientific surveys of animals, weather and plant life. While he was away his son John was born.

On Adrian's return to Tasmania the family went to live in Queenstown on the West Coast. This is where Rosey was born.



Adrian loved bush walking, so being on the West Coast was an ideal opportunity to explore Tasmania's beautiful wilderness. In Queenstown he built several boats in the back yard which is something that he has done ever since.



Above and previous page are some photos of a very young Rosey with her Mum and Dad.

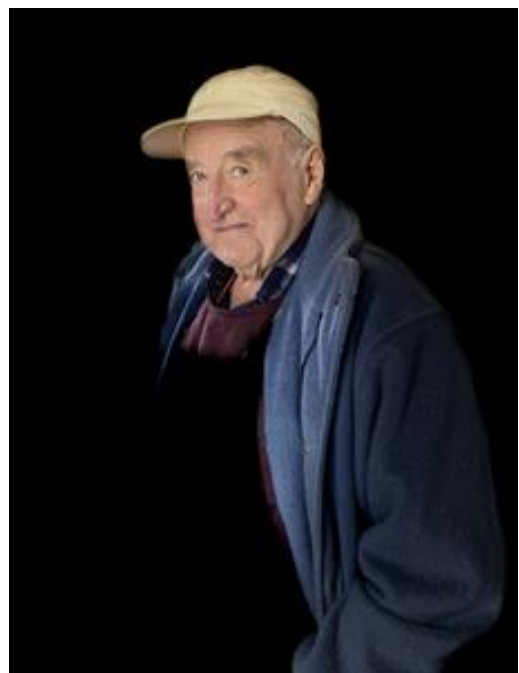
The family moved to Hobart so that Rosey could have the opportunity to attend Dora Turner School. Adrian taught at Friends School as the Woodwork and Technical Drawing teacher as well as Outdoor Education. He has always loved bushwalking and outdoor life, so this was a perfect fit for him. He started designing and building kayaks and canoes and was a founding member of the Derwent Canoe Club

Since retiring, Adrian has built yachts for himself as well as working with the Wooden Boat School as Boat Builder, Mentor, Teacher and Chippy. He is still (at 90) involved with the Wooden Boat School and Wooden Boat Trust.



Adrian and Peggy became involved with L'Arche in 1993 when Rosey moved in to the community. He has been a great friend and community supporter, organizing many fun activities at their Margate home. Adrian loves to join in L'Arche Community events, sing-a-longs, Christmas plays and anything else happening in the community.

We wish Adrian all the very best on his 90th birthday and thank him for being such a wonderful friend to the L'Arche community.



Random community pics...



Louise is a dab hand in the kitchen – here she is with Arbie and with Scott.



Garry picked up some painting skills when he helped make 34 sparkle for the market.



Below: Louise and Rosey bringing in the washing and putting away the towels.





Above: Garry, Carol and Hannah dining out. Above right: Hannah eager to go to Adrian Dean's party.



Above: Garry learning to use the new mower, and Right: Working out

Far right: Garry was pleased that his friend Fr Guy from St John's Glenorchy was able to come to tea.



Below: Louise could earn commission for promoting Hobart's fabulous scenery!

Below: At July's Solidarity we had an opportunity to share what is heavy for us and what gives us hope or joy and then light a candle.



August coffee night ... farewell John and Alison ... and "I have a light"

John recently taught us a new song, "I Have a Light", and at our recent Coffee Night his friends Al and Shelley recorded our energetic rendition of it. The recording will be used as part of L'Arche International's online Festival of Light – so we're "going global"!

The other significant occasion at Coffee Night was our farewell to John and Alison Stanley who have been friends and supporters of Beni-Abbes for many years. They, and their congregation, have made our members very welcome at St James Anglican Church at New

Town and we thank them for that too. They are also famous for taking part in a L'Arche retreat at Uluru, riding their motorbike all the way from Hobart! We wish them well in their move to the mainland and will hold them in our hearts.



We have a light.

Garry, John, Zac, David and Rosey provided the music.



On behalf of the community, Rosey presented a gift to John – unfortunately Alison was unable to be there.



John Stanley, Fr Krish Mathaven, Mel Reyes and Stewart Betts.



*I have a light
and it always shines.
It shines in the day
and it shines in the night.
When the dark day comes
and the sun isn't bright
I will be shining
'cos I have a LIGHT*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Danielle Pacaud's birthday
5	6	7 Solidarity, 6 to 8 pm, 40 Pirie St	8	9	10 Peter Ramsden's birthday	11
12	13	14	15	16 Miriam Sayer's birthday	17	18
19 Community BBQ, 1 pm, 40 Pirie St * Claire Manthorpe's birthday	20	21	22	23 Willie Gearman's birthday	24 Deadline for October <i>What's News</i>	25
26	27	28 Julia Walters' birthday	29	30 Board meeting 5.30 pm		

* Please bring a salad to share. Meat etc will be provided. Please RSVP to hobart.leader@larche.org.au

Events that look like this are open to all to attend. Bring your friends! The more the merrier!

If you want any information, please contact us ...



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Cindy Treanor's birthday	5 Solidarity 6-8 pm, 40 Pirie St	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Nigel Rogers' birthday
17	18 John Coleman's birthday	19	20 Coffee Night, 7 to 8.30 pm, 40 Pirie St	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Fr Terry Yard's birthday	28 Board meeting 5 pm office	29 Claire Lawler and Helen McKenzie's birthday Deadline for November <i>What's News</i>	30 Lauren Cutts' birthday
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

Scott Tringrove – 7 years – 2014

Katrina Wickham – 5 years – 2016

September

Peter Ramsden – 31 years – 1990

Lesley Lewis – 28 years – 1993

Kat Barrington – 7 years – 2014

What are Coffee Night and Café L'Arche?

Café L'Arche evolved from Coffee Night. Both are evenings of music and socialising.

Café L'Arche is held in a bigger venue and traditionally has a wider range of musicians and more of a café atmosphere. They're both joy-full occasions and guaranteed to get your toes tapping. Bring your guitar, your singing voice, your friends and family and have some fun.



What's Solidarity?

Once a month (usually the first Tuesday) we gather for a simple evening meal and make a small donation that goes to help support L'Arche Zimbabwe. After dinner we have an activity of some kind, sing a song or two, hear about upcoming events, and have a short period of reflection, always finishing with a song. It's always fun and links us to the global L'Arche family.

