

# L'ARCHE ADELAIDE NEWSLETTER



**Our house is  
launched – a  
new chapter  
begins!**



It was great to meet at our annual Community Weekend in January, both in person and online, to officially launch our first community house. The story of L'Arche was told, we remembered devoted past members, and Fr Phillip, Vicar-General of the Adelaide RC church, and Don from St Francis Anglican Church, joined in an ecumenical house blessing.

We also welcomed Tracy Tohl as our first Community Leader where we shared a heartfelt blessing for her as she moves forward in her pivotal community role.

These two very significant events, held around the front garden of our first community house, vividly reminded us that L'Arche Adelaide is transitioning to a new, exciting phase of our development. After exactly nine years of sharing together around meals and activities, praying and planning, we can now see our first house in bricks and mortar, and we can visualise people with and without disabilities living together in community in that place.

And so, we impatiently wait for the NDIS nod of approval for our registration application, so that we can warmly welcome our first people into 9 Dinwoodie Ave, Clarence Gardens, and a house can become a community home.

It brings to fruition the common vision for faith-based community housing that was shared by sixteen people at our first ever meeting in January 2013. - A new chapter in our community emerges, into which we take our first baby steps.

And just as God has blessed and guided us on our journey thus far, may we be assured that God will continue to guide and nurture us as we move forward in community. Thanks be to God.

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

This newsletter is for the members & supporters  
of L'Arche Adelaide

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome



## L'Arche 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.

## Happy Birthday!

Mar	Apr	May
12 Adam	7 Lisa	5 Andrew
12 John	10 Kelly	6 Jill
		11 Eleanor
		16 Ted
		22 Anthony



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

## Great Generosity!

Recently we've received some great generosity, including:

- Many house furnishings, including whitegoods, lounge room items & outdoor setting. We virtually haven't bought anything
- Generous financial donations, both locally & nationally
- Many gifts for our election day trading table, including biscuits, plants, aprons & jams

All this is very affirming, and we say a big THANK-YOU!



## Raffle

Tickets: \$2.00 ea.  
Drawn: 17 April 22  
[Click here to buy tickets](#) or Contact  
Lyn Whitney

The one and only prize is a Queen Size Handmade Quilt (RRP: \$2,000) made by a member of L'Arche Brisbane. All raffle proceeds go to supporting L'Arche Zimbabwe, as part of 'One L'Arche Solidarity'. This L'Arche International program supports communities in countries without strong social services.

## Prayer Points

We hold in our hearts and offer prayers to God for ...

- L'Arche Ukraine: its 2 communities located in western Ukraine, at Lviv (L'Arche Kovcheg) and Ternopil, along with all Ukrainian peoples, those at home, and those in exile
- our L'Arche National Leadership, our interim Leader, Claire, and our Chairperson, Julia
- other L'Arche project groups, beyond L'Arche Adelaide, namely Perth and Bendigo, as they join us on the journey towards community housing
- L'Arche Adelaide's Community Leader, Tracy Tohl, amidst all her preparations for our community house opening, and all networking within and beyond our community,
- Kelly Pearce and her ongoing medical needs, and for her parents, Norelle and Andrew

We are grateful to God for ...

- all donations made towards the furnishing of our house - abundant giving!
- the experience and wisdom that Tracy brings to our community life
- the supportive relationship we share with St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church

... in all things may God's peace prevail. Amen.

## Trading Table Fundraiser – Can you help?

Thank you to all those who helped out at such short notice for our trading table on the day of the State Election. We raised \$410.50 but also, we were able to share with many about L'Arche, and what we do.

**We are going to hold a similar trading table fundraiser on the day of the Federal Election.**

**Where:** St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 835 South Rd, Clarence Gardens

**When:** On Election Day, TBA, probably in May



**We would be most grateful if you can start getting goods ready to sell at the trading table on the Federal Election Day.** We will also need helpers on the day. Stay tuned for more info.

Money raised will go to our Life Skills and Garden Program for people with disabilities.

## Finance & Resources Update

- We continue the process of setting up our community house at 9 Dinwoodie Ave, Clarence Gardens.
- Our main focus at present is to obtain our NDIS registration which is proving to take longer than we originally anticipated. We need the registration so that we can accept residents into our home & we expect it will take another 2 months before the registration will be obtained due to processing backlogs. Please pray for a speedy conclusion to this issue.
- In the meantime, our Community Leader, Tracy Tohl has been busy over the last 4 months setting up the home. As mentioned elsewhere we have been blessed in essentially furnishing the whole home with donations. We had our L'Arche lunch and meeting in our house on Sunday 27 February which was very enjoyable.
- We continue in paying rent on the house as well as the payment of the salary to Tracy. We are estimating that these expenses will amount to another \$10,000 over the next 2 months before we can commence receiving regular income from our permanent residents.
- We have been blessed with a number of large donations & grants over the last 4 months so a big THANKYOU to everyone assisting us to meet these expenses.
- L'Arche Australia have been providing administration, payroll and accounting services over the last 4 months so a thank you to them in assisting us in our set-up phase.
- The net cash position of L'Arche Adelaide at 22 March 2022 was \$36,675 whereas it was \$43,147 at 5 December 2021, so the bank balance hasn't dropped as much as we had budgeted for.
- L'Arche Adelaide are certainly commencing on a "Venture of Faith" in setting up our first home, but we know that with prayer & support from our members & friends, God will provide during this time.
- Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to assist us in maintaining our funds. Thank you!

For further information, contact our Honorary Treasurer, Mel Zerner:

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**Direct deposits to:** L'Arche Adelaide Inc. BSB 704942 Account No 153579



## Introducing our long time L'Arche member, Adam



Hi, my name is Adam Corner and I have been a member of the L'Arche Adelaide community since 2018.

I have lived independently since 2014. I enjoy living near a park because I love being outside. Sometimes I ride my scooter to the park or take my basketball to shoot hoops.

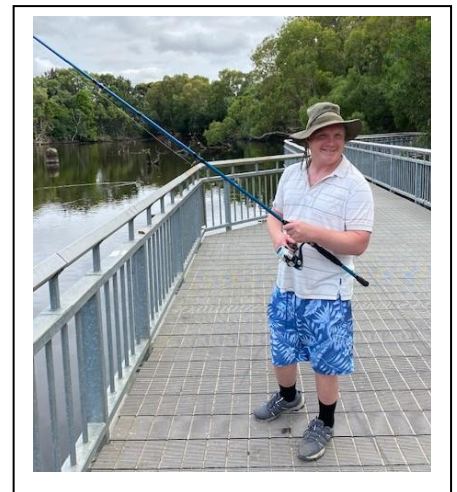


I enjoy fitness, swimming, athletics, fishing, Windamere Park, work at

Orana and volunteering in a community garden. I also collect bottles and cans for charity. I ask shop owners and friends to hold their bottles for me, collect them each week, and take them to the depot. That way, we have raised lots of money to help people and animals that need care.



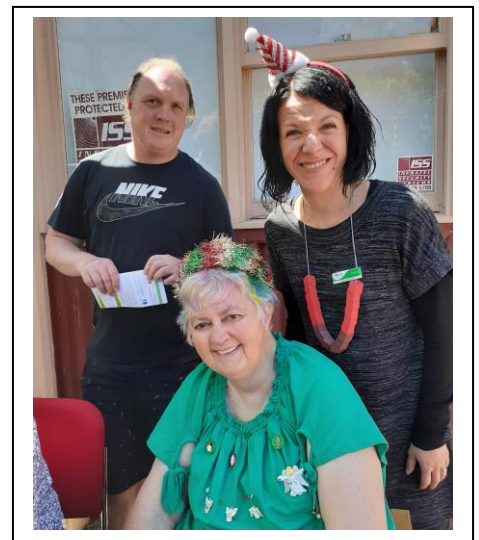
Some of the groups I belong to are my church at Hampstead, our Men's Breakfast group, and my circle of friends. I also enjoy Shout for Joy at Ingle Farm each month. I enjoy cooking barbeques with my friends.



I like listening to all kinds of music. I have a big collection of DVDs and CDs and enjoy watching familiar shows on YouTube. I love going to musicals, my favourite ones being The Lion King, Les Misérables and Grease.



*(Thanks, Adam, for sharing a bit about yourself. We love having you as a member of the L'Arche Adelaide community. Thanks, Bev, for your help with Adam's article.)*



# TRACY'S NEWS ...

**Thank you for all the generous donations for the house.**

We have just a few little items if you can help us out:

- Containers which can go in the microwave
- Containers for flour, sugar etc.
- Cutting boards
- General plastic containers with lids
- Can opener (manual)
- Photo frames
- Potato mashes, egg slides, strainers
- **For the cooking program** – bowls (plastic or metal) all different sizes, measuring cups and spoons, wooden spoons and scrapers
- **For the gardening program** – small forks and spades, rake, garden gloves larger, garden snips, garden tools such as spades and forks, pots, glass jars with lids (preserves and jam)



As part of our life skills program, we are looking to create a cookbook which is easy to read and simple to follow. We are looking for simple savoury dishes, breakfast ideas, soups, main course dishes, items for afternoon tea, sweet, even jam or preserve recipes would be great. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please either email or post to me: [adelaide.leader@larche.org.au](mailto:adelaide.leader@larche.org.au); 9 Dinwoodie Ave, Clarence Gardens.

If there is enough interest, we may also put them into a L'Arche Recipe book for all to enjoy.

