

L'Arche Adelaide E-News

November 2025



Art Project Update

There have been several developments in our art project and exhibition planning.

Two people have been appointed to key positions:

- David Baker ... Art Project Facilitator
- Rev Vikki Waller ... Exhibition Curator

Both have considerable experience in organising and curating exhibitions, as well as being highly skilled artists.

We have also put in place, thus far, 2 painting workshops for budding artists.

- Sat. January 17 at St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Clarence Gardens
- Sat. May 16, at Adelaide West Uniting Church, Shout for Joy

... we're also planning another 1-2 workshops over the first half of next year.

For those who can't or don't want to attend a group workshop we're going to make available art materials for people to complete their art works privately.

We've also locked in our first art exhibition, which will be a part of the state-wide South Australian Living Artists (SALA) month of art exhibitions, which will be for the duration of the month of August 2026. It will be at Pilgrim Uniting Church in the city. The exhibition will include a launch.

We're making early plans for subsequent exhibitions both south and north of Adelaide.

We're presently advertising across our networks. This includes invitations to all L'Arche communities across Australia. We are also looking to invite people with intellectual disabilities outside of our networks.

Let us know if you would like to assist with this project in any way, which will include help with the coordination of art workshops. If you have a family member or friend with an intellectual disability this project may be an opportunity for them to contribute their artistic talent. Let us know. Please contact us at larchadelaide@gmail.com and we will respond.



Cameron and Mark with Mark's entry into the 'A celebration of Hope' Art Exhibition.

National Listening & Speaking Group (NLSG)

Both Mark Tanner (and Mum, Jan) and Cameron Bradshaw will be participating in L'Arche's NLSG in Melbourne this week. Both will make presentations on behalf of the Adelaide community. Thanks, Mark and Cameron for your ongoing commitment. Thanks, Shelley, for your ongoing dedication in organising and preparing for these events. The NLSG advises the L'Arche Australia Board on planning and direction for the organization, and its members meet twice a year.



Coobowie Community Weekend 2025

In late October we enjoyed another great weekend at Coobowie on Yorke Peninsula. Fourteen L'AAAd members participated, including Claire Lawler, our National Leader. Activities included a fascinating visit to an historic forge and crafts centre, along with a visit to a well-established permaculture set-up. A Saturday night BBQ & concert was enjoyed by all. On Sunday we made a presentation to the Stanbury Uniting Church. Thanks again to Eleanor Parkes and her willing team for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. 😊



See further photos at <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ZLw8tfNJ8/>.

Upcoming Community Weekend – January 2026

You're more than welcome to participate in our 2026 community weekend this coming January 17-18 at St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Clarence Gardens. Activities will include our AGM, craft and drama workshops, the first Art Project workshop on Saturday afternoon, cricket match, BBQ, Saturday evening fiesta, Sunday morning shared worship with the St Francis congregation, and a power point presentation concerning our core members. See you there!



Enjoying Saturday evening's fiesta at the 2025 Community Weekend.

Recent Gatherings ...



It was great to celebrate the L'Arche Family Day in mid-October at Dinwoodie House. The Family Day is celebrated in L'Arche communities around the world. We celebrated with a BBQ lunch followed by a reflection, and some fun & games in the backyard. Also lovely to welcome some newcomers 🙏

Thanks to Dinwoodie House housemates and staff for their welcome & hospitality 🍌

At the beginning of November we enjoyed a Garden Working Bee at Dinwoodie House. We did some garden maintenance including weeding and trimming of plants, followed by lunch on the verandah. A big thanks to everyone who helped on the day and in the previous week, top effort! We know it was very much appreciated by the housemates and staff at Dinwoodie House. We plan to hold another working bee next year.



Financial Update – from our Honorary Treasurer

As reported in our last newsletter in August 2025, L'Arche Adelaide members Mark Tanner (and Mum, Jan) and Cameron Bradshaw participated in the National Listening & Speaking Group (NLSG) meeting in Melbourne in May 2025. The participants all enjoyed the experience of attending & it assisted in their ongoing development.

L'Arche Adelaide have contributed to the costs of the airfares, catering & accommodation for these people to attend which amounts to \$2800 for each event.

Mark & Cameron are participating in the NLSG gathering in Melbourne this week.

We rely on donations from other members to support these initiatives.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to assist in this ongoing ministry. Thank you!

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

Mobile: 0418 852 353; Email: melzerner@outlook.com

Direct deposits to: L'Arche Adelaide Inc. BSB: 105-010 Account No: 136892540

Prayer Points

All-embracing God, we offer prayers for:

- We remember both Jane Pitman and Helen Barton, members of St. Francis of Assisi Anglican & L'Arche Adelaide, who have recently died. We give thanks for their strong support of our community.
- We uphold those working to develop our art project, including David Baker and Vikki Waller, and all those with intellectual disability who will contribute their art.
- We uphold core members Mark, Laura and Jenni who live in our Dinwoodie House, as well as core members in all L'Arche community houses across Australia ... ***O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen***

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Contributions are welcome

Bi-monthly Prayer

L'Arche Australia's

online time of quiet reflection and prayer is held on the **first** and **third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM SA time**

The Zoom link is the same every month:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643471339>

Passcode: prayer

All Welcome - Join Anytime



*Peace to you and those you love
this Christmas.*