

Be a part of the change



Anglicare WA conducts the Rental Affordability Snapshot in autumn each year to highlight the lack of affordable options for low-income

households, particularly those that rely on Government income support payments and, increasingly, those on the minimum wage.

It will come as no surprise to most that rental affordability has worsened in WA. These households are priced out of the private rental market across the State, paying way too much of their income in rent or living in various forms of homelessness like sleeping rough, couch surfing, or severe overcrowding.

Our findings at a glance

- There is nothing affordable for someone on JobSeeker anywhere – not even a room.
- Less than 1% of available properties are affordable for most people on other income support payments.
- Median rents in the last year increased:
 - 12% in the Perth metro area
 - 13.5% in the South West and Great Southern
 - 9% in the North West
- Low availability was a major driving force
- Rising rents and housing stress were compounded by the rising costs of other essentials.
- Stagnant wages equate to a real cut in income that captures more households in housing stress and poverty.

What can you do?

Read the report including what we think needs to change for the better and how you can share your voice. anglicarewa.org.au/who-we-are/research#housing

Send a copy of the report to your local State and Federal MPs asking for action on our recommendations.



Mark Glasson
Chief Executive Officer

Message from the CEO

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring issue of Believe.

As I reflect on the last couple of years I am amazed at how well, as a community, we have responded to the challenges of the pandemic. While there was a lot of pain and hardship, some of which continues today, we rallied and helped each other out; as friends, colleagues, and neighbours.

It seems that no sooner had we started “living with COVID” that the next challenge has been thrown our way. It is more than thirty years since we have seen inflation above 7% in Australia and that is where it now sits here in Western Australia. This will bring enormous challenges to the families we work with, those with limited resources already struggling to keep the wolf from the door.

I remain confident however that the spirit that got us through the pandemic will continue to see us through our next challenge. The evidence is here in Believe. This edition includes wonderful stories of people helping others out. Whether it be the Year 5's at St Hilda's, our Downer partnership with headspace in the Pilbara or the story of Dorcas Clothing in Narrogin. In these stories you will see evidence of how caring our communities can be and how small acts can make a huge difference.

Happy reading.



Sustainability never looked so good

Anglicare WA has opened a brand-new concept store in the heart of Claremont, the first of its kind for charities in WA. We are very excited to announce Lemon Tree is taking items on consignment - we consign ladies high end designer clothing and accessories.

If you have any designer pieces lurking in your wardrobe, why not bring them to us and let our friendly team take the hassle out of reselling your items. You will receive 50% of the sale price and the remaining 50% profit goes back into supporting the work at Anglicare WA.



Lemon Tree is a beautifully curated store which aims to bring pre-loved shopping to those who like a little luxury.

Drop by to see us today, we are located at 3/20 St Quentin Ave Claremont open 10am-5pm Wednesday to Saturday or follow us on Instagram [@lemontree_claremont](https://www.instagram.com/lemontree_claremont).



Leaving a Legacy to be proud of

Julie has been a supporter of Anglicare WA for a number of years and is proud to help the Western Australian community through her giving.

After meeting with some of the passionate staff at Foyer Oxford and gaining a stronger understanding of the work that Anglicare WA do, Julie has informed us that she plans to leave a legacy in her estate. With the support of a lawyer, she is creating a personal way her values of giving and faith will continue. Through leaving a gift in her Will to Anglicare WA Julie hopes to support young people in breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Julie said, “I want to help people who are trying not to fall through the cracks in the system. Who, with a bit of help, could relax enough to make good life choices by not having to worry about rent, paying school fees and even have the opportunity to experience positive adventures. I want to empower people.”

For a confidential conversation on how you can leave a legacy beyond your lifetime, please call 9263 2091.

Corporate partners looking out for locals

The community spirit was high with headspace Pilbara, partnering with Downer Group to distribute COVID-19 care packs to 65 homes in isolation across Hedland and surrounding communities.

Distribution of care packs was also supported by the Mingle Mob – a collective of Hedland agencies headed by Youth Involvement Council (YIC), as well as local providers at Ashburton and Karriyarra Aboriginal Corporation.

Care items including groceries, games and hygiene products were all kindly donated by employees at Downer, the packs also included information on how young people can access support via headspace and help pull them through this tough time.



Corporate & Foundation Gifts to Acknowledge

- Austal – Young Hearts
- Bowen Foundation – Street Connect
- Chevron Australia – Emergency Relief
- Gilmac – Street Connect
- ISPT – Street Connect
- Lotterywest – Emergency Relief
- Minderoo Foundation – Foyer Oxford
- The Oliver Charitable Foundation – Foyer Oxford
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Up for the Challenge – Meet the family striving to make a difference in WA

Recently we had the privilege of speaking to Chris, who with his wife Evelyn, have been major supporters of Anglicare WA's Men's Support Program in Kalumburu - one of the North West's more remote communities.

Kalumburu is an isolated community located about 550 km northwest from the nearest town of Kununurra and has a population of approximately 470 Aboriginal residents and a small number of non-Aboriginal support staff, forming a tight knit family community. It is so remote that it can only be accessed by a short flight in a small plane from Kununurra or via an unsealed road, accessible to four-wheel drive vehicles only.

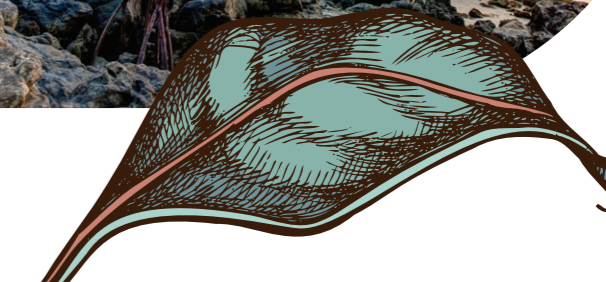
Anglicare WA delivers this vital program in partnership with Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation. Some of the challenges the community face include dealing with intergenerational trauma, dysfunctional family relationships, addiction, and present-day racism.

Our Men's Support Worker has a dynamic role, where he supports members of the Kalumburu community to educate and instill behaviour change principles around not choosing violence as a reaction to strong emotions.

What Inspires Chris & Evelyn to make a difference?

“We're a farming family and are lucky with how generous life has been to us. Our philanthropic journey was kicked into gear after meeting another farmer who chose to set up his own Foundation. We realised that we needed to follow in his footsteps and wanted to look at our own capacity to help those in need, and after learning of the good work of Anglicare WA we knew we wanted to help. We wanted to include our three daughters and their families in the decision-making process. It is important for us to work together as a family to make a difference in the community and we know that our daughters feel the same gratitude we do. We are hopeful of leaving a legacy beyond our lifetime, and that they will continue to care for and support the community, just as we have.

Wanting to support those who were less fortunate than us was what we wanted to do and knowing that there is a lack of opportunity in these remote communities has helped guide our decision in where we invest our support.”





Kalumburu is a long way from home – why did you choose to support this program?

“When we spoke to the Anglicare WA team about what potential programs we could support, they gave us two options, one of them being the Kalumburu program. Evelyn and I had a discussion with our daughters and the girls were keen to be involved in Aboriginal communities.

Recently, we had the opportunity to meet some of the staff up in Kununurra - it was really enlightening and gave us the confidence that the program was providing much-needed support.

There is a lot of difficulty in finding funding to support perpetrator programs, rather than victim focused programs, as they don't often get the government funding or backing that they need, and we believe the only way to change behaviour is at this level in the community. Funding for this program has enabled the Support Worker to get started in the community, but his appointment book is always full, meaning that more help is needed on the ground.

It's great that the program is there, that the community are behind it and that they want the support. But the need is so great. More funding is needed to enable the Support Worker to help an even greater number of people in this community.

Chris, Evelyn and their family have made an incredible impact on the Kalumburu community over the last three years. Their commitment to giving back and making a difference has changed many lives on the ground in that community.

Op Shopping in the Wheatbelt with Dorcas Clothing

From this humble shopfront, you wouldn't guess the impact that Dorcas Clothing has all over WA.

About 5 years ago, the charity clothing drop boxes were removed from the Wheatbelt town of Narembeen, about 300km east of Perth. As such, there was nowhere to pass on secondhand clothing and goods, so locals started dropping off their used clothing and bric-a-brac at one of the local churches. Rosemary Smoker, one of the parishioners, decided that something needed to be done to stop the clothing going to landfill so she held a sale at the church. The sale was so successful that it became a regular event.

With the help of the local community, premises were found, and Dorcas Clothing began! Dorcas now sells everything from beautiful baby clothes to iPhone chargers to queen size beds. A second Dorcas Clothing was opened a few years ago in Narrogin and due to the amazing work of Rosemary and her team of volunteers, Dorcas has donated over \$500,000 to charities around the state over the last 5 years! Anglicare WA are very lucky to be one of the beneficiaries of this fantastic initiative - thank you, Dorcas!



Save the Date!

**Saturday
6 May 2023**

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an unforgettable night.

Winter Wrap

The housing crisis in WA is significantly impacting young people and families, but there is hope, because of people like you.

With the help of Anglicare WA's youth homelessness services, young people like Sandy and Jason have been able to transition into safe and sustainable housing and focus on their dreams, after a heartwarming response to our Winter Appeal. These vital funds, given so generously, means services like Foyer Oxford can continue to provide specialist support to those with no place to call home.

Additionally, we would like to acknowledge our wonderful Winter Appeal Committee for their continued efforts and dedication to supporting

young people experiencing homelessness. Your commitment each year means we can continue to provide immediate and long-term support to young people in need.

**Thank you
to everyone who
gave so generously
to the Winter
Appeal 2022.**



Thank you to Co-Chairmen David Alder and Warwick Hemsley and committee members Felicia Brady, Brendon Brodie-Hall, Ben Devenish, Mark Glasson, Bill Hassell AM JP, Robert Perman, Geoff Potter, Monique Ridley and Jemma Sanderson.

St Hilda's year 5 ESSTEAM project

Last term, Kelly from Anglicare WA, was asked to be an 'Industry Coach' for the Year 5 students at St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls. As part of the school's ESSTEAM Program, the students have been working on solutions to social justice problems. The Year 5 cohort were tasked with creating business plans that specifically support people experiencing homelessness. They then presented their plans to industry experts from Anglicare WA, Homelessness We Care and the City of Cockburn to gain constructive feedback and ask questions to help develop their plans further.



Innovative ideas were developed, which included ways to help people charge their devices without access to power, link young people back into school services and help feed pets on the street. The ideas were creative, thoughtful and respectful. Practicalities such as funding and

logistics were also discussed with some fantastic ideas on how to make these projects come to life. We are looking forward to seeing how far these projects go and seeing some of them support young people experiencing homelessness on the streets of Perth in the near future.

New Strategic Plan prioritises Tackling Disadvantage

We have launched our new three-year Strategic Plan to guide Anglicare WA until 2025. Not only will it build on the progress of the previous Strategic Plan, it is designed to transform our response to the emerging – and growing – needs across WA.

More than 3 million Australians currently live in severe poverty, yet the support systems that should provide a safety net in

their time of need, have become poverty traps, locking them into a cycle of disadvantage.

We believe through the initiatives in our new Strategic Plan, we can disrupt that cycle and create a new model of support to challenge the root causes of disadvantage.

Our intent is transformational – designed to take care of everyone in the community, by developing capability, creating

possibility and enabling people to thrive. Above all, it is about human relationships.

Our primary objective is to better equip our clients in family relationships, safer communities, secure and stable accommodation, freedom from violence and abuse, and social participation. We will connect with our clients holistically, in the context of their circumstances and respond to them in a way that respects their agency.

Our secondary objective is to catalyse system change and create a fairer Western Australia.

The Strategic Plan has three key pillars

**Boosting
service impact**

**Promoting
solutions**

**Mobilise
Community Action**

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establishing a new way of
tackling disadvantage?**

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