

Supporting Hidden Heroes



As they say, **'blood is thicker than water'**. When an adult son or daughter goes to prison leaving behind their small children, a family decision needs to be made. Will the children go into State Care or will a family member fill the gap and give the children a home? In many cases a grandma or grandpa will prefer to be the caregiver than let their grandchildren go into the hands of the State. It's a tough decision but for the children it is usually the best arrangement given the circumstances.

Provided relationships are good between the prisoner and the family, the grandparent will ensure prison visits happen to benefit the children, do their best to support their schooling and keep the siblings together under one roof.

There are more than **40 grandparents** on the **PK Family Care Team** database and we put measures in place to give them the support they need. We advocate to Trusts and Foundations on their behalf for special needs funding.

In one case a single grandma we'll call Grace, suddenly had her world turned upside down through the 'invasion' of four grandsons. She took great pride in order and tidiness but her small two bedroom unit became a messy disaster area whichever way she looked. This became the source of much distress, causing her to cry in despair.

We knew two sets of bunk beds would provide four grandsons with their own new bed and mattress. Thanks to the Shaftesbury Foundation this became a reality. Grace's need for neatness in the home was restored to a more manageable level.

We salute and support hidden heroes like Grace who **'bridge the gap'** in our community by holding their families together in a time of crisis. They pick up the slack by taking up the responsibility of being a 'parent' all over again, saving thousands of dollars of taxpayer's dollars allocated to staff and accommodation in State Care. Join us in saluting and supporting these **'hidden heroes'**.



Are You Moving this Spring?

Our **Second Chances Furniture Warehouse** relocated from St Mary's to Richmond mid-2016 opening for business from 1 July. Yes, the volunteer team has enjoyed 12 months trade at **131 Richmond Road, Richmond** and with the Hino 300 series Furniture Truck donated by Coopers Brewery Foundation and CMV Foundation. We've been collecting and delivering furniture every week since. The new warehouse has stand out signage as you cross over from South Road westbound down Richmond Road. We provide affordable second hand furniture to 12 other charities on behalf of their clients. We have developed into an essential community service for those struggling to make ends meet.

If you're moving this spring why not give us a call on **8352 7722** so we can help you downsize without being forced to leave good furniture on the verge for Council hard refuse collection. Check out our Furniture Warehouse brochure on our website and our dedicated Facebook page named **Second Chances Furniture Showroom/Warehouse**.



Continuing early prevention with PKs

Last issue we were waiting for news of our funding application with the State Government to continue the **PK Family Care Team**. We received a phone call Friday 21 July advising us we'd been awarded funding for two years – a portion of what we requested. This means as soon as our government contract is signed we'll put together a full-time two person team hopefully commencing October.



Earlier in the year we were invited to outline our services to **60 Children Wellbeing Practitioners in the Department of Education**. This means they can call us for assistance with children of prisoners struggling at school. Recently, we participated in the annual **Schools Ministry Group (SMG)**

conference where several hundred school pastoral workers come together from across the State. From time to time they refer PKs to us for support.

The word is getting out into the community. When visiting the RAH for a routine procedure my husband was asked by nurses which charity he worked with. As soon as he mentioned **Second Chances SA** they said with delight, they knew a grandmother who we were supporting and how pleased they were for her as she had been doing it tough.

Gratefully yours,

Helen Glanville
Chief Executive

Our Yatala Team

Let's introduce you to three men committed to helping prisoners at Yatala Labor Prison. They are Second Chances SA in-prison volunteers who visit Yatala prisoners every week responding to written requests for help with banking and storage of prisoner's property.

In the process of responding to these requests they listen to the situations and stories of broken and sad lives. In most cases they describe dysfunctional homes where they were set up to fail through poor education, little encouragement to achieve, a missing father figure, rejection, cursing and failed relationships accelerated by drugs and magnified by alcohol.

We believe people can change when they come to their senses and make good choices regarding associates, housing, education, volunteering, employment and/or meaningful activity. Wrapped around them they need to have friends and mentors who believe they can change.

Combined with the choice to become part of a community of faith they can have hope for a new crime free and drug free life.

Graham, Bryan and Tony take the opportunity to begin offering support if the men want it. *'We can't change people but we can be there when they are ready and wanting to change,'* Says the team.



L.R. Bryan Sellars, Tony Rogers and Graham Wait

Christmas Angels are coming Again!

Yes, Christmas is coming for over **500 children** of prisoners visiting their imprisoned parent in one of six prisons during Christmas visiting times.

We are approaching many Churches well before Christmas this year and one may be your Church. Can you help by telling your Church about the work we do? Just **\$35** helps us to buy each child two brand new presents which are custom chosen according to their age and gender.

Special drum kit



From time to time a donor will have a special one off item for which he or she wants to find a loving home. One day the owner of a pre-loved drum kit wanted an up and coming drummer to benefit. We had just the right child too. While the boy was at school the donor met with the parents introduced by our PK Family Care worker and to his delight he knew it was a 'fit'. Ken was taking drum lessons at school but did not have his own kit to practice on at home. Thanks to a thoughtful donor we were able to find the right home for the drums.



Rescuing PKs: Diversion from Detention



Thanks to **Have Your Say** over 2,400 voters from the public rallied behind our program, **Rescuing PKs (Prisoner's Kids)** as part of **Fund My Community**. Our Rescuing PKs program delivered six character building residential retreats with custom designed interventions to keep 24 at-risk PKs out of the justice system.



Boys Residential Leadership Retreat June 16 – 18 at Shiloh Hills



Younger Teen Girls May 26-28 at Hahndorf



Girls Residential Leadership Retreat June 20 – July 2 at Mylor

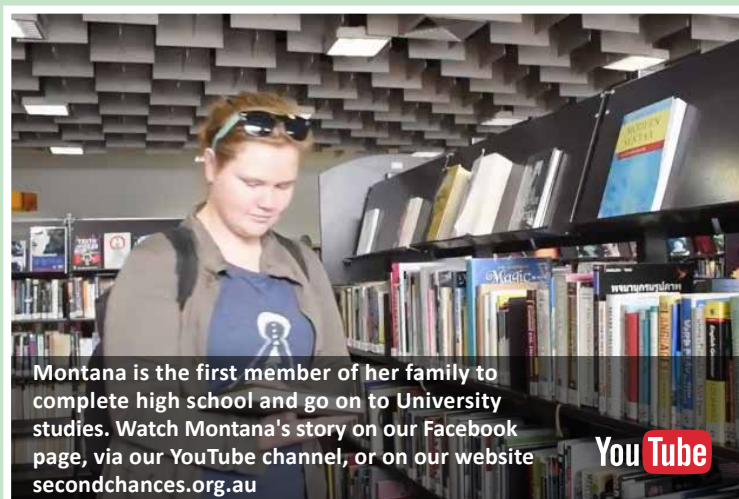
Since the winter newsletter three character-building residential retreats included a Younger Teen Girls mentoring weekend in the Adelaide Hills, a Teen Boys Leadership weekend in the Hills also with one for Teen Girls in Hahndorf.

We have trained, mentored and encouraged **24 PKs** across Adelaide providing **37** sponsored retreat opportunities-

instilling perseverance, self-worth, team work, respect, leadership, and practical skills into the lives of at-risk youth. All participants are currently attending school and will continue to be engaged with us in leadership roles through future **PK Mentoring Camps**.



These young men were mentored and encouraged to stay the course of their education, set achievable goals and make good and positive decisions for their lives. One said he had never received such positive support and he was more convinced about his decision to do further studies and help other young people in their struggles.



Montana is the first member of her family to complete high school and go on to University studies. Watch Montana's story on our Facebook page, via our YouTube channel, or on our website secondchances.org.au



10th Anniversary Week : Mon 9 - Sat 14 October

To all our faithful shop patrons we say 'Thank You!' and we honour **Di Whyte** our Op Shop founding Manager who has over recent months

been training Co-Manager **Sue Rice** to take over the helm.

Our tenth Anniversary Week kicks off **Monday 9 October** with a visit from the Roadies at **1079 Life** and a **BBQ** with specials all week and a sausage sizzle **Friday 13 October**. Join in the celebrations and get a bargain too.



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NEXT FRIENDS: Saturday 14 October at 7PM



We'll be hosting our next Friends Night!

Join our Ambassador former international cricketer Henry Olonga for wonderful music, updates, fellowship and a great supper and find out what's been happening across **Second Chances SA!**

7pm at 176 Wattle Street, Malvern.

Are you an investor?

Would you like to invest in a leading fund managed by some of Australia's leading fund managers while at the same time helping **Second Chances SA**? If so, the Future Generation Fund might be of particular interest to you. The Future Generation Fund offers investors the opportunity to gain unprecedented access to prominent Australian fund managers through a single ASX-listed investment vehicle that has a philanthropic purpose. Investors are paid the normal returns on the fund but with the Fund Managers forgoing both management and performance fees, FGX and FGG are able to donate 1% of assets each year to Australian charities. Since the formation of the fund by Geoff Wilson in 2014 many millions have flowed to charity. To find out more about the fund go to – www.futuregeninvest.com.au – and to find out how you may be able to assist Second Chances SA through the fund please contact **Helen** on **8272 0323**

My Will for Brighter Futures



What sort of legacy will you leave behind? By including **Second Chances SA** in your Will you too can leave a lasting legacy here in this State. To find out more, contact **8272 0323** and request a copy of *My Will for Brighter Futures*.

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Manager: Liam

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