

Ten Years on ...



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L:R Sally Graham, Bec Schultz, Melanie Potter, Helen Glanville, Cheryl Pollard, Erica Southern, Sarah Kaine and Beck Sellars. (Melinda Eckert not pictured) at a special reunion.

In Spring 2008 we appointed our first **Children and Family Worker, Sally Graham**. It came about as we'd commenced mentoring camps for the children of prisoners in the previous year, but did not want to lose contact with the campers. Sally phoned the caregiver when the PK Birthday request form arrived and began to win the trust of mothers and

grandmothers, make home visits and provide support to vulnerable families.

Since then we've employed nine PK Family Care workers who together have contributed 20 years of service in Spring 2018. A big thank you to the reunited team and may more **early interventions** be possible for many years to come.

South Aussie with Cosi



If you saw the program **South Aussie with Cosi** on Sunday 8 July on Channel 9, you would have seen the last item about a camp in the Adelaide Hills. Yes, that was us! There were four cameo stories describing the impact imprisonment of a parent can have on a child's life.

Cosi treated the interviews sensitively and we've had positive feedback from their caregivers too. Over 300 people who watched the 11 minute segment, wrote supportive comments on Cosi's facebook page and the following week we received phone calls from a whole range of people wanting to help us. We gained another 100 likes to our Second Chances SA fb page too.

If you missed this special segment, check it out on the home page of our new website. www.secondchances.org.au

Thanks Cosi – we really appreciate your heart for these kids!



Cricketer scores 'Second Chances'

Our Ambassador Henry Olonga was interviewed by political journalist Adam Langenberg a few days before he sang with the South Australian Police Band at the Town Hall 22 August. He wowed everyone.

The following is an excerpt from The Advertiser 25 August, with his comments about why he decided to join us.

‘The 42-year-old says it’s fitting he’s an ambassador for an organisation that wants children to break free of a cycle of crime and poverty, and remake themselves into whatever they want to be ...

Mrs Glanville met Olonga, a devout Christian, at Adelaide’s annual prayer breakfast in 2015.

She knew she wanted Olonga to be the public face of her organisation as soon as she heard him talk about his journey, intensifying the moment she heard him sing.



Henry Olonga signed on as the Ambassador Second Chances SA. Picture: Patricia Watkinson

Mrs Glanville and two other members of Second Chances went to Olonga’s house to convince him to join the organisation. Olonga was on board as their ambassador before

she’d even finished her pitch.

“They just ticked so many boxes where I felt we were connected,” Olonga said.

“I got a second chance in my cricket career. It’s possible that the cricket authorities could have just looked at me and said he’s too much work he’s been called for throwing — see you later — but I got a second chance.”

“And it seemed like the only way was down and I was starting my life from scratch.”

“I had no friends, I was in a brand new country, I’d lost my career, lost my fiancée, lost everything.”

“Now, I wasn’t in prison,” he said. ‘But I kind of know what it’s like to be at a place where you have no hope.’”

Saluting long term Volunteer Graham Wait

Attorney General, Deputy Premier and Member for Bragg **Vickie Chapman MP** ‘popped in’ to our second Café Night for 2018 in Tasmore Saturday 30 June.

In-prison volunteer **Graham Wait** has served nine years in Yatala on a weekly basis responding to banking and property requests from prisoners. He’s respected by staff and team members alike.

Tony Rogers and **Bryan Sellars** have noticed his absence. We have several volunteering positions available at Yatala and the Adelaide Remand Centre. We provide the training and support for those with compassion for many fatherless and



L:R Graham Wait, Vickie Chapman MP

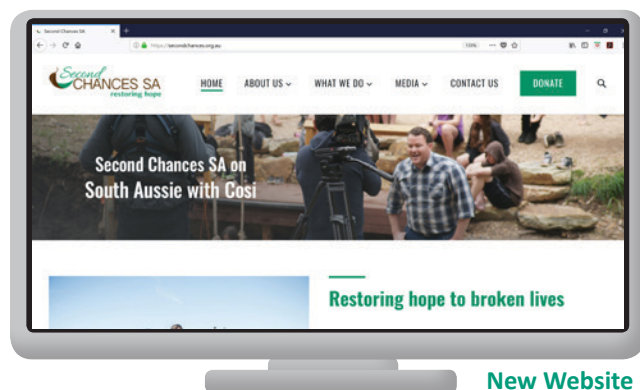
troubled men who need a listening ear, mentor and guide.

The problem is that up to 75% of prisoners return to prison within three years, due to lack of support and employment.

The solution research says, is that visits from a mentor both inside and outside prison, reduces reoffending by 29%.

That same night **Executive Director Community Corrections Hayley Mills**, addressed the group about the relationship between DCS and Second Chances SA volunteers, the value of community volunteering plus research which supports community mentoring of prisoners on their release from prison.

Refreshing our Look



New Website

Communication and image can be powerful, so after three and half years we decided to upgrade our website and review our brochures. Comments so far are good; fresh, plenty of white space and easy to navigate. Check our new website out at www.secondchances.org.au



Thanks to PK Community Advocate Chris Bowman who drove the project. He also helped design and update three new look brochures for Second Chances SA (general), Christmas Angels and Furniture Warehouse and Op Shop.

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Thanks to a private Foundation in Sydney, we've been awarded funds for 12 months to employ a part-time **PK Community Support Worker**. On Tuesday 19 June **Bronwyn Chant** commenced and has already attracted some serious dollars to the organisation. Bronny has 14 years' experience raising funds for children needing medical support. She can also communicate with business executives about program sponsorships.

With us, she's raising funds to benefit children and families of prisoners, organising special events, the first being a **Wedding Dress Sale Sunday 21 October** at the Arkaba and is available to speak at community groups, service clubs and Churches. She also helps donors wanting to make a long term, ongoing gift through bequest planning.



Bronwyn Chant

PK Mentoring Camps Continue



May 11 -13 Teen Girls (Sen) – Fleurieu Peninsula



10 – 12 July – Teen Boys (Sen) – Riverland

Thanks to our wonderful donors and funding supporters **CMV Foundation, Boys Brigade and MMF**, we have delivered four PK Mentoring Camps so far this year. Due to lack of support we were forced to defer the Autumn Camp for primary age PKs, but the Spring camp is set to go ahead end September.



June 29 –July 1 Teen Girls (Jun) – Victor Harbor



April 17-19 Teen Boys (Jun) – Mt Crawford

Decade of Difference



Helen and Melody

Addressed affectionately by some teen girls as 'Gran', Helen Rance has directed twenty Teen Girls Camps since 2007 and was recently recognised by **Soroptimists International** on their website for her valuable service to the development of young women.

We know and appreciate Helen as a warm, caring and delightful Camp Director and when the girls turn 18, they want to keep in touch or come back as Leaders.

Helen has made a huge impact on many PK Teen Girls because she demonstrates love in a kind, nurturing and practical manner.



Another camper helps Helen make cup-cakes for the 18th birthday celebrations



Breaking into Onkaparinga



L:R Mel Eckert, Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg, Bronwyn Chant

The **City of Onkaparinga** recently awarded us a community grant for \$3,700 to purchase **school uniforms and shoes** to deter Prisoner's Kids from truanting. Our database indicates there are 79 PKs living in their City but there may be more. We have hit the ground running as Mel Eckert is dedicated to reach the PKs in the South of Adelaide.



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GRANT FUNDED POSITIONS:

PK Family Care: Mel Eckert

PK Family Care: Sarah Kaine

PK Community Support: Bronwyn Chant

New office Visitors



Chris Lincoln UNESCO with CEO Helen Glanville

We were pleased to meet and discuss how our programs help families of prisoners and the community. The visitors were a politician and a representative from **UNESCO** who delivered school backpacks for PKs to support their continuing schooling.



Josh Teague MP with CEO Helen Glanville

Next Café Night: Oct 27

So much is happening the only way to stay in touch is to come to **Café Night Saturday 27 October** at the foyer of the Burnside City UCA corner of Portrush Road and Fisher Street, Tasmore. We always learn something new, make new friends and have a fun evening in a relaxing Café atmosphere. Come and meet us.



We are pleased to announce our visiting speaker will be well known Adelaide Based Consulting Victimologist **Michael O'Connell AM APM** who will join



Michael O'Connell AM APM

the dots from his working knowledge of victimology with PKs (prisoner's kids) and how understanding victims and root causes of offending, can reap benefits for the community.



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