

Second Chances SA Hosts 'Backtrack Boys' Screening!

On Friday, May 10, almost 250 people attended our special Second Chances SA Adelaide host-screening of the award-winning and inspiring documentary **Backtrack Boys**.

Our exclusive post-screening panel discussed the impact of mentoring on young lives (pictured L-R): **Paula Dickson** (SCSA Advisory Panel), **Helen Connolly** (Commissioner for Children and Young People SA), **Helen Glanville** (SCSA CEO) and **Michael O'Connell** AM APM (SCSA Victims' Advocate).

Special thanks to everyone who attended and all the amazing staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes! Watch this space!



Second Chances SA stands behind children and young people with a parent in prison. With positive role models at our **PK Mentoring Camps**, they can and will rise above their terrible situation because they are learning how to cope with choices for their own lives. These camps also provide support and community as they navigate through similar struggles, many young people in their situation experience.

All Aboard with Brenton Ragless!

Brenton Ragless, Nine News Presenter and Patron of the SteamRanger Heritage Railway brought together his love for trains and for supporting special causes by hosting a unique Second Chances SA experience on the **Southern Encounter** line between Mount Barker and Victor Harbor. On a chilly Autumn Sunday in May, over 50 passengers of all ages boarded Carriage 6 for a once in a lifetime experience and a beautiful ride across the Fleurieu!

Brenton announced: "Welcome aboard and thank you for joining us for what will

be an unforgettable day travelling on one of the most-scenic railway journeys in Australia, SteamRanger's iconic Southern Encounter service across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Today, we're travelling behind SteamRanger's beautifully-restored steam locomotive, the Duke of Edinburgh, Number 621.

Which is very fitting because – just as 621 has been restored and given a 'second chance' to 'stay on track' – today we welcome a special group of people on

board from Second Chances SA, who are all about restoring hope to broken lives.

Second Chances SA is a non-profit volunteer organisation that runs a charity for children of prisoners, with the aim of trying to break the cycle of generational offending giving the kids some hope for a brighter future. Not their crime. Not their fault."

Special thanks to Brenton Ragless and the **SteamRanger volunteer team** for hosting us and advocating on behalf of vulnerable children and families here in SA.



Attacking two cycles at once

Most people know we have been helping divert prisoners' kids (PKs) from entering Detention through early intervention supports for over ten years. The 'Dropping off the Edge' DOTE2015 research, has identified every postcode in every State where the largest numbers of generational crime patterns have emerged. In Adelaide, the highest number of PKs are in the **southern and northern suburbs**.

The first cycle is **generational offending** where children are exposed to antisocial behaviours, discouraged to achieve and be successful in life and are influenced by negative peers. Often truanting is the

beginning of a downhill slide. Following a parent into prison can be easier than pursuing a crime free purposeful life. We're addressing this cycle by reaffirming their worth through birthday and Christmas presents.

The second cycle is **welfare dependency**. This mostly comes about when no one under their roof demonstrates a work ethic by going to work each day. The concept of earning money for an honest day's work is not common. As parents and sometimes grandparents, don't work yet survive on welfare payments then perhaps they can too.

Attacking two cycles at once is a strategy we know will have strong protective factors. As you travel with us, we will be reporting transforming stories. We have just two years to change lives forever. Join us.



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive



Photo: Studio Shubin

Launching North and South Hubs

'Getting Ready for Take Off' project as mentioned last issue, is now up and running in Morphett Vale and Elizabeth.

We've opened two hubs where Life Coaches are connecting with and enrolling participants between 16 – 25 years.

We're helping them overcome obstacles to employment and training. We're introducing them to Barista courses, First Aid courses and supporting their efforts to gain their driving licenses.

We have 'taken off' with eligible participants and already the vision, the hope and the planning we're providing, is seeing a change in attitude and direction for the first ten recruits.



Introducing the team: (L-R) Kim Lloyd (North Hub Life Coach), Kim Pienaar (Project Manager), Daniel Shepherd (South Hub Life Coach)



Keep an eye out for two of our vans around Adelaide! These vans will enable our Life Coaches to transport PK participants to program events and courses.



'Getting Ready for Take Off' officially kicked off with an inaugural retreat in March with 12 PKs spending a weekend participating in practical workshops and activities custom-designed to help prepare them for employment and adulthood.

Adelaide Womens Prison Letter

To all Second Chances Staff, Volunteer and members,
How are you all? (??) I don't know how to begin my letter. I just want you to know how I really appreciate your effort, help and concern for my kids and for the other prisoners kids in A.W.P prison. Thank you very much for thinking about our kids. I don't know how to thank you enough for everything. I wish you all the best in the future and more power! Happy Women's Day to all the beautiful ladies out there. ☺
Thank You and Godbless you all!

P.S.
my kids said Thank You to all of you! You made them feel love (??)

Housing SA Say Thanks

"Second Chances SA has helped so many of our clients and we are extremely grateful. Providing people with an opportunity to travel a different path restores dignity and hope. Restoring a person's dignity is such a precious gift to bestow. Liam and his volunteers at the Second Chances Furniture Warehouse are so supportive, obliging and patient and we would be truly lost without their kindness. Please accept our sincere thanks."

Access Worker, Housing SA

Tracking Our Media

Time to help the silent victims of crime

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SONS and daughters of convicted criminals should be able to access money from the Victims of Crime Fund, says the former SA Commissioner for Victims' Rights.

Michael O'Connell, pictured, said the children of prisoners had been the forgotten and "secondary" victims of their parents' crimes, often stigmatised and socially excluded because of the criminal actions of their mum or dad.

The acclaimed victimologist has just been appointed Victims' Advocate for SA charity Second Chances to champion the needs of prisoners' kids.

"Children need a voice and I hope to give it to them - the children of prisoners are too often the innocent, invisible and ignored victims of crime," he says.

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Sunday Mail (24 February 2019)

Coming into our fifth year operating as Second Chances SA, we are continuing to build our public presence in South Australia and across Australia in order to highlight and support the unique plight of children and families with parents in prison.

In late February, the ***Sunday Mail*** ran a two-page special on Second Chances SA



Our Time TV – Channel 44 (1 April 2019)

and a front-page article introducing **Michael O'Connell AM APM** as our inaugural Victims' Advocate.

Locally-produced talk show ***Our Time TV*** discovered Second Chances SA through the Sunday Mail articles and invited **CEO Helen Glanville** to discuss the programs in place to support PKs here in SA. Our Time airs on Channel 44 and nationally across community television stations. Watch the full interview at secondchances.org.au

PK Mentoring Camps kick off for 2019!

PK Mentoring Camps have officially kicked off for 2019! Across the month of April, three camps took place providing over 30 camping opportunities for children and teenagers with a parent in prison. Camp season began with a bus-load of primary PK campers making their way to **Wirraway Homestead** for a weekend of rock-climbing, horse-riding, obstacle courses, outdoor games and sheep-herding.

Later in April, our Older Teen Boys made their way to the Coorong for a weekend of kayaking and sand-surfing. The Younger Teen Boys camp wrapped up April's packed-out camping schedule with a weekend at Mylor team challenges, mountain-biking and kayaking.

The first teen girls camp for the year took place in early May with seven campers making their way to the Adelaide Hills for a weekend retreat – building community together and learning life skills in a safe and nurturing environment.



Helen Connolly (Commissioner for Children and Young People SA) made a special visit to the Younger Teen Boys camp where she spent time talking with and getting to know the campers over a cosy fire.



2019 Autumn PK Mentoring Camps
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City to Bay: Team Second Chances SA

On your marks. Get set. Go! Sign up with **Team Second Chances SA** at this year's **City to Bay** on Sunday, 15 September and help us raise much-needed funds whilst getting fit in great company! Sign up to walk or run 3, 6 or 12km. Contact Kim on (08) 8272 0323 to find out more.



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Café Nights

Winter is here – what better way to keep warm than with your hands around a warm drink in the company of new and old friends?

Come and join us for our next **Café Night**, 7pm Saturday 15 June in the foyer of **Burnside City Uniting Church**, 384 Portrush Road, Tasmore. Meet the faces behind Second Chances SA and get the latest updates and news.

Last Café Night for 2019: Saturday, October 26.

Jam Maker Wanted!

Do you love jam-making and helping vulnerable children and families? We're in a sticky situation and need you! **Second Chances Op Shop** needs you: volunteer jam-maker extraordinaire! We provide the jars and the fruit so you can make your (magical) jam for customers to purchase. Curious? To find out more, contact Sue at (08) 8296 5588.



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