

The Importance of Social Enterprises



This truck looks ordinary and boring but it's not boring for the recipient who is a victim of domestic violence. It's the start of a whole new life without violence.

By definition, Social Enterprises are businesses which prioritize social impact alongside profit, addressing community needs and benefiting society. They operate as businesses, generating revenue through trade while reinvesting profits to further their social mission.

For eight successful years we managed a warehouse in Richmond but due to the State Government Torrens to Darlinghurst (T2D) South Road corridor, those premises have been bought and razed to the ground.

Since August 2024, we've been rearranging the space we have at our Op Shop in Sturt and looking for more suitable premises. We have formed relationships with a few different organisations to assist their clients with furniture items in crisis situations. This includes the Benevolent Society, Anglicare, Centacare, Hutt Street Centre, The Public Trustee, and Housing SA.

These agencies are continuing to refer their clients to us for furniture assistance and in most scenarios, they are funded to provide such.

We have started getting referrals from Hutt Street Centre who has advised they have a budget per client to purchase furniture items. We will be able to assist their clients better and more efficiently when we find a replacement warehouse.

If you know of affordable warehouse space, please let us know.

Introducing Sam

Over the past four months, Sam has been busy in his new role as Social Enterprise Manager. On the staffing front, **two new Team Leaders** have been appointed, alongside the new **Social Media Coordinator, Eve**, who is revitalising online sales channels. The enterprise now includes **10 active volunteers** plus leadership and logistics personnel, though staffing gaps remain for Thursdays and Fridays. Would you like to join the new team with Sam?

We're also in need of drivers for both collection and delivery of furniture items. You'll be part of a team of helpers riding with you and you only require a general C Class driver's licence.

Phone 08 8296 5588 or email opshop@secondchances.org.au



Sam Narroway - Social Enterprise Manager & Board Secretary

Moving On

The time has come for me to move on into the next chapter of life.

In 1994 my husband Geoff and I commenced Prison Fellowship SA and for 20 years we introduced many things including camps and family care. We started on our kitchen table and with a few volunteers, we dreamt, and we prayed. Geoff was the practical one with a heart for prisoners helping them with banking and storage of their property. He was also a regular prison visitor.

In 2007 the Op Shop commenced with the help of committed volunteers. Founder Di Whyte, retired in 2016 and others have carried on. Over three years ago, March 2022, Geoff entered Eternity just a few years after we lost everything in the Cudlee Creek fires of December 2019. Our marriage was one of mission and purpose and the Lord always brought us through every challenge.

In 2015 we 'decoupled' from the national movement to form an exclusive charity, **Second Chances SA** and for the past 10 years we've made a significant impression on the criminal justice system in SA because we believe in 'Second Chances'.

Despite many challenges, we never looked back. It's been a privilege helping to steer the organisation of wonderful staff and volunteers. While since Covid, we've not been able to replace and train more volunteers to visit prisoners, we have expanded in the area of children and youth of prisoners.

The highlight for me was to see the many young people who were made job-ready and found part-time or full-time employment in the project, **'Getting Ready for Take Off'** which finished in June 2021. Since then, we've faced many financial challenges and in June 2023 we took the courageous step of staff working from home.

The loss of our Furniture Warehouse in 2024 is an ongoing challenge as social enterprises are the way forward to financially underpin any worthwhile community charity. I can move on knowing the Op and Furniture Shop are in very good hands.

To every donor and supporter, I give my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for every gift, every prayer and every encouragement. Without your giving and prayers, we may not have come this far. But God!



Helen Glanville
Chief Executive

Appointing the General Manager



Kim Pienaar

We are pleased to announce Kim Pienaar's appointment as General Manager of Second Chances SA. We are excited about Kim's leadership, vision, and passion for our organisation beyond 1 July 2025.

Kim has worked hard behind the scenes for the past nine years on various programs, working closely with the CEO, staff, and volunteers. She brings with her multi-skills

and expertise in various areas of the charity such as Finance Manager, Social Enterprise Manager, Operations Manager and GoActive Family Care Team Leader. Her loyalty and commitment are invaluable.

She is passionate about transforming lives and restoring hope for disadvantaged families and youth. She is eager to engage with our community and looks forward to building strong, lasting relationships with all our donors and key stakeholders.

Kim is committed to working collaboratively with the Board, staff, volunteers, and Government to further our vision of **"Restoring Hope."**

"We will focus on continuing Second Chances SA's vision, which involves unity and teamwork to help vulnerable families and empower youth. This will require commitment, compassion,

and sustainable growth. We will remain focused on expanding our Social Enterprises and programs that deliver measurable outcomes and lasting change. We will invest in equipping our staff and volunteers to reach their full potential.

Financial growth is not our end goal; it's the engine which will expand our impact, broaden our services, and amplify the voices of those too often unheard. Together, we will build a future where young people have opportunities, families have continued wrap-around support, and our communities thrive with resilience and hope.

With the continuous support of our donors and partners, our growth will be measured not just in numbers but in transformed lives.

Together, we are building stronger communities."

Girls Need to Have Fun



It may be difficult for some to comprehend, but many of our clients live in houses of extreme hoarding and squalor. When a young teen girl has difficulties at school, plus encounters with the law, mostly due to poor associations, finding their purpose and a positive direction in life, is a constant uphill battle.

There is shame when you have a parent in prison, especially when everyone knows about it. In this camp there was a prevailing

atmosphere of sisterhood and sharing new experiences with lots of laughing.

We know just how much every activity and encouragement we provide a teen girl, gives hope and a positive nudge in the right direction for their lives.

One camper admitted she'd been spending a lot of time 'bed rotting' for as long as a week, *'but now I have found a new hobby in paddle boarding. I didn't know I could do it'*. Her determination to jump back up on the paddle board every time she fell over, was inspiring.

Another camper said, *'I haven't been with so many motivated people at*

any one time ever.' During an art therapy session using colouring-in pencils, one teen said, *'I've never had the opportunity to feel like a kid again'*. Another squealed with delight and joy whilst learning how to fly a kite and said, *'I feel like I'm free and three years old.'*

The campers collected shells forming the word, LOVE.

Previously mischievous and defiant, one camper took on a big sister role in the cabin, displaying considerable maturity and restraint. She kept thanking leaders for the opportunity of attending the camp.



Teen Girls Mentoring Camp Fri 2 May – Sun 4 May 2025
Brighton Holiday Park, Supported by:
Edwardstown Baptist Church's Heartbeat of Hope Appeal

Long term Impact



Ryan Knowles

My name is Ryan Knowles and I'm a 26-year-old Residential Care worker.

*As a young boy, I grew up living with my Nana due to my mother battling addiction and as a result, she was always in and out of prison. It was the volunteers from Prison Fellowship SA then, now **Second Chances SA**, who came in and changed my life for the better.*

They came when I was an 8-year-old boy and took me on camps. They loved on me and showed me who I could be. They believed in me when I didn't even believe in myself. My first camp was in 2009.

Slowly through the years of being a camper

and attending several camps each year, I was invited to become a Camp Leader.

As I turned into adulthood, I pursued a career in Residential Care, which is a place where a lot of camp kids come from. If it wasn't for Second Chances SA believing in me, I never would have thought I could be where I am today!

I was moved from a place of heartbreak and feelings of utter hopelessness, to the young man I am, helping other young kids move from the same place of despair I was in. I know there is hope because I'm a living example of how, with the help of Jesus, and friends people can change.

Being at The Gate (prison gates)

Craig spent more than 15 years in prison, so it was understandable he was nervous and unsure of the new world he was entering. How would he be able to fit back into society again after being away so long?

A **Second Chances SA** volunteer attended the Adelaide Remand Centre on his release day to pick him up and help him navigate through several government agencies so he could settle well.

The first 24-48 hours of reintegration back into the community, is critical for a crime free future. The volunteer was able to take him to the essential services of Centrelink, Housing Trust, his Bank, and attend his first parole office meeting with his new Parole Officer. It was there where he learnt of the harsh restrictions on his Home Detention conditions for the next six years.

He was also helped with a mobile phone and clothing from the Second Chances SA Op Shop. Spending his first day of freedom with an

understanding and listening friend, plus helping him work through the challenges and stressors of his new post-prison life, helped him start to adjust well.

Accommodation was found for him with the help of the Salvos in Victor Harbor, where his elderly mother and sister from Queensland, whom he hadn't seen for many years, were there to greet him. It was a very welcome reunion as he always wanted to make sure he saw his mother before she passed.

There are many new things to learn and adjustments to make in the first 24 hours of release. A new address, a new home, a new bed, new services, new shops and new friends. His main source of connection is by phone with contacts through Church.

Craig is a new man having found faith while in prison. He plans to abide by all the parole conditions as he is grateful to have his freedom again.

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