

Your vote can help us win a share of \$1 million!



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We believe in young people.

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*Hello!*

Welcome to the St John's Youth Services May update. We're especially excited this month to tell you about Fund my Community - a unique grant program that invites the SA community to decide how to spend \$1 million to create positive change in South Australia. Also in this edition:

- feel like a millionaire and [cast your vote for young people in SA](#)
- watch young people [speaking about their experiences at youth110](#)
- meet one of our wonderful long-term supporters, [the Wyatt Trust](#)
- see amazing art at the [Wonderwalls Festival](#)
- read Anglicare Australia's latest [Rental Affordability Snapshot](#)

If there's something that piques your interest, simply click on the purple hyperlink to find out more. And if there's anything you'd like to read about in future updates, [drop us a line!](#) We'd love to hear from you. You can also keep up to date with all the great things happening at St John's Youth Services by following us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

As always, **THANK YOU** for being part of our wonderful community of supporters and for sharing our belief in young people in SA.

*Have a wonderful May!*

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## How will you spend \$1 million?

We need your help to fund a new life-changing program for young people in SA - and it won't cost you a cent!

[Fund my Community](#) has \$1 million up for grabs, and our project - [the Nunga Cafe and Service Hub](#) - is in the running. We need your vote to get [the Nunga Cafe and Service Hub](#) over the line, and opening its doors for young people in SA.

The [Nunga Cafe and Service Hub](#) will be a combined cafe, gallery and support hub in Adelaide's West End, providing housing assistance, opportunities for young artists and real-world hospitality training for some of SA's most disadvantaged young people. Individualised wrap-around support will ensure every young person develops the skills they need to succeed, and is on track to fulfilling their potential. You can find out more about the [Nunga Cafe and Service Hub](#) on the [Fund my Community voting page](#), or [on our website](#).

How to vote for the Nunga Cafe and Service Hub

1. [Register here](#) for a yourSAy account so that you're eligible to vote
2. Make a cuppa and get comfy. Spending \$1 million can take a little time! (We suggest setting aside around 20 minutes.)
3. [Choose the Nunga Cafe and Service Hub here](#), and add it to your Plan.
4. Browse more projects until you've spent at least \$700,000
5. Sit back in bask in the warm glow of doing good and changing young lives.

With so many projects to choose from, the voting process can seem a little overwhelming. We've compiled a [sample Plan](#) of some of our favourite projects you can [access here](#), or [contact us](#) at any time for assistance.

Your vote can help us make sure every young person has access to the opportunities and resources they need to succeed.



## youth110 is on TV!

ABC journalist, Ruby Jones, recently visited [youth110](#) to speak with young residents and learn first-hand about St John's Youth Services' unique service response to young people experiencing homelessness. Ms Jones spoke with Ruby, Judd and Harry - three young friends and youth110 residents, who are helping each other through the challenges of keeping a roof over their heads. You can [watch the report here on iview](#) until 12pm, Saturday 6th May, or [read the article here](#).

Photo courtesy of ABC:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-22/some-luckier-than-others-as-homeless-youth-search-for-housing/8451770>



## Supporter Spotlight Wyatt Trust



For young people who have experienced homelessness or crisis, securing a rental property is just the first step to creating a place to call home.

Most of the young people we work with have never had a place of their own, so lack even the most basic household necessities such as bedding or crockery. Thanks to the [Wyatt Trust's](#) long partnership with St John's Youth Services, hundreds of young people have been able to buy the household goods they need to make a place to call home.

Established in 1886, the [Wyatt Trust](#) is truly a great South Australian organisation. For more than 130 years, the Trust has supported thousands of South Australians challenged by poverty and disadvantage. Their exclusive focus on funding individuals has enabled many people to access financial assistance, who would have otherwise missed out.

All of us at St John's Youth Services are enormously grateful to the [Wyatt Trust](#) for their continued commitment to young people in South Australia, and look forward to partnering with them for many years to come.

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## Wonderwalls Festival comes to Ladder SVS



Artist Claire Foxton with former Ladder SVS resident. Rahma

*Photo on left by Dylan Coker*

Among the larger-than-life murals created around Port Adelaide for the recent Wonderwalls Festival, is a very special portrait adorning the entrance of [Ladder St Vincent Street](#).

Painted by artist, Claire Foxton, the mural depicts former [Ladder SVS](#) resident, Rahma, who spent two years at [Ladder SVS](#) after being kicked out of home when she was 16. Rahma is now living independently and continuing the university nursing studies she started while living at [Ladder SVS](#). You can see the mural's creation on our [Facebook page](#), or take a stroll down Marryatt St next time you're at the Port to see the finished work.

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# No place like home: Rental affordability in crisis

by Maiy Azize, [Anglicare Australia](#)



[Anglicare Australia](#) has called on the government to take urgent action on rental affordability in the upcoming Budget, releasing the [2017 Rental Affordability Snapshot](#).

"Home should be a space we can make our own. It's our place to belong, and the basis on which we can build our lives" said [Anglicare Australia](#) Executive Director, Kasy Chambers.

"It's not a question of owning or renting. Everyone needs – and should have – a home.

"For eight years now, [Anglicare Australia's Rental Affordability Snapshot](#) has highlighted the experiences of people on the lowest incomes in the rental market. What we've learned is that it's getting tougher for renters to make a real home for themselves and their families.

"Australians on low incomes are struggling to pay rent and make ends meet. And people living on income support payments can hardly afford rent anywhere.

"Many Australians already know that our major cities are becoming places where only the very wealthy can avoid housing stress. But this report shows that renters on low incomes are in trouble all over Australia, with regional areas failing to offer relief."

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