



## 2017 NAIDOC Week events at UCW

UnitingCare West is a progressive organisation committed to working with Indigenous Australians to improve their health and wellbeing and increase awareness in the wider community.

From 2-9 July we embraced NAIDOC week's theme: Our languages matter, to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Clients and staff at UnitingCare West had opportunities throughout the week to enjoy a number of activities, including didgeridoo and dance performances, art exhibitions and flag raising ceremonies.

Clients created works of art using vegetable dyes, leaves and branches to create a beautiful cloth with natural imprints. An

attractive painting was produced on a large canvas brought in by a Centrelink community team member.

At Tranby Centre, clients enjoyed a hearty meal of traditional kangaroo tail, stew and damper.

UnitingCare West also proudly supported the 2017 Run4Reconciliation Team organised by Reconciliation WA to bring cultural recognition and awareness to the Chevron City to Surf for Activ.

Image: Courtesy of Run4Rec, Reconciliation WA  
Both the West Coast Eagles and Fremantle Dockers had players that supported the Run for Reconciliation team.



## We've Turned on the Lights at Tranby Help us to keep them on!

Photo: Tranby Centre  
Image courtesy of the Community Newspaper Group

It's Saturday morning in Northbridge and after a night of soaking rain, a chill hangs heavy in the air. Around 80 men and women are gathered at the Tranby Centre, enjoying breakfast, hot showers and the chance to chat over a cuppa.

Allan's been visiting Tranby for years, but these days he's there to lend support, having found a place of his own. Most of his friends aren't so lucky and until recently, haven't had anywhere to go on Saturday mornings to enjoy the very simplest of needs.

"When you're homeless, even a hot shower can be enough

to brighten up your day," Allan explains.

Thanks to the generous support of the Perth community during the 2017 Winter Appeal: Turn on the Lights, Tranby is now open for a few hours every Saturday morning. But more help is needed to keep the doors open and provide additional support for those in need into summer and beyond.

UCW CEO Amanda Hunt said the Winter Appeal was an opportunity to shine a light on the plight of people doing it tough and start a conversation about how all of us can help to end homelessness.

"It's been heartening to be able to open the doors at Tranby on Saturday mornings over the past two months, even just to offer basic services," Ms Hunt said.

"I'd encourage everyone in the community to spend a few minutes next Saturday morning thinking how it would feel if they'd just spent a night sleeping rough, with no prospect of a hot shower, a meal and clean clothes."

People can still support UCW's Winter Appeal by visiting our website and clicking on the link.

[www.unitingcarewest.org.au](http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au)

*UnitingCare West (UCW) is a community services agency of the Uniting Church that touches the lives of thousands of families and individuals each year.*

*Our vision is justice, hope and opportunity for all and our mission is to work with people and communities so those most in need can belong and thrive.*

## Yes! Please accept my donation

- \$25 pays for a person to participate in a community lunch
- \$50 pays for a sleeping bag provided at Tranby Centre
- \$150 pays to feed a family for a week
- \$365 pays for crisis accommodation for 15 nights
- OR your choice of \$  one off donation
- OR \$  each month to provide ongoing assistance

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**From our CEO**

I am proud to be among a group of passionate community leaders and stakeholders who have come together to seek to end homelessness in Western Australia.

We have been working together since last year and have begun the task of developing a 10-year action plan to end homelessness. Not just to reduce it, but to end it.

There is no acceptable level of homelessness that we should accept as a society and compromise is not an option.

We all agree that we need to take a new approach of working together between Government, the business community, not for profit services and the broader community.

The current approach is failing to address the growing number of people experiencing homelessness and we believe we can create a new scenario that will work towards a sustainable long-term solution.

Fundamental to this change is the need to create a different narrative about homelessness and being bold in our thinking and actions to end it.

I am passionate about making this vision a reality and would like to invite all key stakeholders in the Western Australian community to become involved in the End Homelessness Campaign.

The website for more information is: <https://www.endhomelessnesswa.com/>. Please register via the link to receive all

the information on the direction of the strategy and how you can be involved.

Community leaders involved in the campaign include:  
 Debra Zanella – CEO, Ruah Community Services  
 Kathleen Gregory – CEO, Foundation Housing Limited  
 John Berger – CEO, St Bartholomew’s House  
 Prof Paul Flatau – Director, UWA Centre for Social Impact  
 Katie Stubley - Co-Director, Social Impact Festival, UWA CSI  
 Mark Glasson – Executive Manager, Anglicare WA  
 And of course myself, on behalf of UnitingCare West.



**Amanda Hunt**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



**Award for Wilf Sargent House**

**Men who were experiencing homelessness have the chance to rebuild their lives with the support of UnitingCare West at historic Wilf Sargent House, redesigned by renowned Fremantle Architect Michael Patroni of Spaceagency.**

The renovations have successfully combined the building’s original features with contemporary practicality and Spaceagency has won the Heritage Margaret Pitt Morison Award as a result.

Refurbishment of the historic property was achieved through collaboration between the Housing Authority of WA and local government. Both identified the need for this type of service in the heart of the Fremantle community as well as preservation of local history and architecture. The Department for Child Protection and

Family Services provides the funding for program support.

The history of the property on South Terrace can be traced back to 1895. It was first established as a refuge for homeless men and couples during the 1980 by the Uniting House Welfare office that provided programs such as foster care, low cost grocery access and general welfare assistance.

In establishing this service, the group named the property Wilf Sargent House after a long-time member of the Fremantle Wesley Mission congregation and Treasurer of the Mission.

Wilf Sargent House is committed to providing professional service aimed at building on the skills and knowledge of clients to assist them to access and maintain secure accommodation.

**Community lunches provide food for thought**

Support from our foodie friends helped UnitingCare West’s Fremantle, Tranby and Merriwa Service Centres put on free breakfasts and lunches for the community during Homelessness Week in August.

Our supporters Flipside Burgers, Mrs Mac’s and Golden Ravioli all came onboard to provide food for the events attended by those most at need in our community.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts attended the Merriwa lunch, while State Member for Fremantle Simone McGurk joined City of Fremantle Deputy Mayor Cr Ingrid Waltham, City Ward Councillor Rachel Pemberton, Director of Community Development Fiona Hodges and Manager of Community Development Bev Bone, at the Fremantle breakfast.

**Retraction Edition 03  
 Therapeutic Garden Project**

Please note that not all people living in UnitingCare West supported accommodation have experienced trauma. We apologise for any misunderstanding the article from our last edition may have caused.

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**40 Years of the Uniting Church**

In 1977, the Presbyterian Methodist and Congregational churches in Australia come together to be the Uniting Church.

The 40th anniversary logo has red earth and ochre colours to connect the First Peoples in Australia and the image brings to mind diversity and all the varied parts of the Church.

**Thank You For Your Generosity**

Thank you for the generous community support during the UCW Winter Appeal.

Uniting Church Congregations, Uniting Church Schools, Corporate and Community have contributed with financial assistance, clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries, socks and underwear and food. A wonderful outcome!



Photo top: ‘Pete’ and Fremantle Councillor Rachel Pemberton  
 Photo below: Ron McComiskie, Service Manager with Mayor Tracey Roberts

