



Have you met our Co-CEOs?

Over the last few months our Co-CEOs, **Jen Park** and **Michael Chester**, have been visiting congregations of the Uniting Church, from Beldon in the northern suburbs to Busselton in the South West. These visits are not only an opportunity to share details about the great work we do here in WA, they've also enabled us to better connect with our community.

Highlights have included a Mother's Day service at Bay Life Uniting Church which Jen and Michael were delighted to attend with their own parents.

If you would like to hear from our Co-CEOs about the work we do at Uniting WA, reach out to us at partners@unitingwa.org.au today.

The Uniting WA Co-CEO model

In 2022, Uniting WA adopted a Co-CEO model which sees Jen and Michael share responsibility for leading the organisation. This model, which combines Jen and Michael's unique skillsets and decades of experience, positions Uniting WA to successfully deliver on its values and purpose into the future.

Uniting WA is going green.

We're thrilled to announce our partnership with New Town Toyota, as we embark on a transformational journey towards sustainability.

We're making a massive changeover to an eco-friendly 'Green Fleet' of vehicles, aligning with our commitment to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable planet.

We couldn't be prouder to join forces with New Town Toyota, a company that shares our commitment to sustainability and making a positive impact.

Fleet cars are an essential part of our service delivery, providing vital transport options for team members like our Support Workers to reach their clients for appointments.

Stay tuned as we roll out our 'Green Fleet' on the streets, proudly displaying our commitment to sustainability.





Uniting WA tenants have a wild day out at the Perth Zoo.

Earlier this year, the **Uniting WA Independent Living Program (ILP)** team hosted a group of 10 ILP tenants on a trip to the zoo.

ILP supports people who identify as experiencing long-term, persistent mental illness to live independently in their own home, in the community. It's designed specifically for people whose mental health compromises the stability of their housing.

A day trip to the zoo is one of the many scheduled activities that our ILP team run throughout the year including coffee get togethers, and walking groups.

The group saw penguins and savannah animals, and some took it upon themselves to hone their photography skills.

One tenant, Lynette, has been in remission from cancer treatment and loved having the chance to celebrate with everyone.

Sandwiches were enjoyed on the lawn for lunch and the team took a few extra photos for everyone to take home with them.



National Volunteer Week

We'd be lost without our volunteers, so we were thrilled to celebrate them for an entire week from the 15th to 21st of May.

To celebrate **National Volunteer Week**, Uniting WA volunteers were invited to attend a MasterChef lesson with chef and culinary extraordinaire Sophie Budd at our Tranby Engagement Hub. For our Tranby volunteers, cooking is a big part of the work they do, so having the opportunity to learn new skills in a supportive environment was great.



Congratulations to our Food Rescue volunteers who were this year's Volunteer **Willy Wagtail Award** winners, for their tremendous dedication to making a positive impact in our local community. Their unique skills and strengths combined with their collaborative way of working, makes them a dream team.

If you're interested in joining a great volunteer team, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Elaine Healy at volunteers@unitingwa.org.au.



Reconciliation Week

This year, we celebrated Reconciliation Week with the people we support at our Tranby Engagement Hub, which supports people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

We were lucky enough to have Aunties Philomena and Amanda join us in the kitchen to show us how to make damper the traditional way. For lunch, we served roast chicken, soups, bread, damper, and a veggie and kangaroo stew.

Everyone was also encouraged to get involved in a painting activity. The final painting included handprints, native animals and the message **“Always was, always will be.”**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a hot meal and a conversation about reconciliation.



Tranby Snapshot

We've had a busy first half of 2023. Check out this snapshot of our Tranby Engagement Hub.

There have been **40,139** presentations at Tranby of people asking for assistance, compared to **25,823** in the same period last year – an increase of **55%**

Each month, we use:



800
tea bags



19kg
of coffee



more than
160kg
of sugar



We experienced our busiest day ever with **395** people in one day



Over **300** pairs of socks were donated as part of our Cosy Toes Appeal



774 new faces came into Tranby in June alone





New camping trailer, new experiences.

Thanks to our generous donors, we were recently able to purchase a camping trailer for use by our Children and Young People team.

The trailer has allowed the team, which supports children and young people in out of home care, to organise camping trips equipped with tents, fishing gear, eskies, kayaks and cooking equipment.

Most of the children who attend the trips are from the Family Group Home program, an out-of-home care service that provides therapeutic care and support for children and young people who have experienced significant trauma and can no longer live with their families.

On each trip, fears are being overcome and new skills developed.



Kids working adding a toolbox and battery pack to the trailer

At 13, **Aiden*** had never been camping before and was apprehensive about sleeping in a tent. He overcame his fears and achieved a lot of firsts, including his first time on a boat and first time in a cave. When he came back, the trip was all he'd talk about, much to the delight of the team.

Lucas*, a seasoned camper, announced his trip as the 'second best holiday ever'.



Learning how to use power tools

The team are up to trip number five and each time look forward to the opportunity to introduce the children to new experiences. Camping also offers a chance for the children to connect with their carers in a new environment and learn new skills like setting up a tent, fishing, and leadership.

A huge thank you to our supporters for bringing this program to life.

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