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State Election Bricks for Housing

As the State Election looms on Saturday 20 March Anglicare Willochra supports Anglicare SA's advocacy for the homeless in our communities. It is timely to remind our leaders that some people in our backyard are missing out.

With a decrease in affordable housing there are more people waiting for housing, and are not enough homes to meet the needs of those facing homelessness and housing stress in SA.

Why are people homeless?

The causes of homelessness are diverse and unpredictable, ranging from job loss, to family breakdown, to poor mental health, to domestic violence to substance abuse. Young people face limited employment and education options and inadequate formal support networks including insufficient foster places. The single contributing factor, however, is the lack of affordable housing in SA.

A significant proportion of people experiencing homelessness are in regional, rural and remote Australia. According to the 2006 Census there were 7,962 homeless in SA, 2,743 of these were in rural and remote places. This equates to 68 people per 10,000 population sleeping rough, in

temporary shelter, or relying on family or friends for shelter. A high proportion of these are aged under 18. There are high numbers of homeless in our 'backyards' -

Yorke & Lower North 195, Eyre 403, Northern areas (Whyalla, Pirie, Flinders, Far North) 795.

Add your brick to the pile

Anglicare SA will be presenting 'Bricks for Housing' to Parliament on 17 March. You are invited to raise your voice on behalf of the homeless and housing stressed and include your details on a brick. Telephone Jacqui on 8305 9281 or email your name, email, and postcode to advocacy@anglicare-sa.org.au. You can include a message to be placed on the brick if you like.

Alternatively, you may like to send a letter to your local MP and candidates, or to the editor of your local paper.

Resources for prayer are also available, email Anglicare Willochra for details.



If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them; they shall live with you as though resident aliens. Do not take interest in advance or otherwise make a profit from them, but fear your God; let them live with you.

Leviticus 25:35-38

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