

Our Friends in L'Arche Perth



Yolanda and Sarah: L'Arche Perth.

Credit: Photo: Billie Fairclough. Post Newspapers



Yolanda cooking
up a storm in the
house



Welcome to the winter edition! I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We continue to be blessed in our efforts to announce and live the Identity and Mission of L'Arche in our lives. I hope you enjoy reading them! On behalf of everyone in L'Arche I would like to THANK you for your generous support and I hope the year is unfolding well for you. We are committed to inviting people into probationary membership in L'Arche Perth this year and we would ask you for your prayers and support for us.
David Treanor, National Leader – L'Arche Australia

From the National Leader

'How do you welcome wonder?' I recently read these words and I was struck by how often I fail to slow down in my busyness and welcome an unhurried moment... a sunset, an act of kindness, generosity. I hope I can be more faithful to these moments of wonder in my day and in my life.

I am especially in wonder; we received a very generous bequest following the sale of property from belonging to the Community of Christ the King in Wangaratta. Founded in 1993, the enclosed Community is an Anglican religious order following the Rule of St. Benedict and they kindly remembered us in prayer. I was fortunate to meet and develop a relationship with members and we are continuing to explore how we can deepen our relationship into the future. Below is a photo of the convent they had on their property.



On behalf of everyone in L'Arche Australia, THANKS.

From our friends in Perth:

Yolanda and Sarah are on a mission - to raise money for the L'Arche Perth house of welcome. They joined the rest of the Community in Perth in a sponsored walk at Burswood Park, known as WalkAbility. The focus for this year's fundraising walk was to make modifications to the house in Dianella, a cause close to the hearts of Yolanda and Sarah as they both enjoy staying there for weekends and would like to live there one day if their NDIS funding allows. In the meantime there's work to be done converting the original dining

room to a fifth bedroom and modifying a bathroom to make it more accessible. Sarah and Yolanda, together with their families, have been members of the Perth community for many years, enjoying social gatherings, celebrating birthdays, sharing good times and bad. They live busy and rewarding lives, sharing a love for singing and performing as part of a community choir and theatre arts group. With the love and support of their families and the L'Arche community they are preparing to spread their wings and live independently. The community's next challenge is to build up sufficient funds to employ a live-in Community leader while WA awaits the rollout of the NDIS.

As I Am

I hope everyone is aware of the excellent movie series, As I Am, produced by L'Arche International. It's available at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC21N_EDq0DTA1oZQPz-M-zA

. The most recent movie was made in Australia and features Ms Kathryn Black from L'Arche in Hobart and I encourage you to watch the movie.

My Giving Circle

We joined a Fundraising platform called My Giving Circle and we have the opportunity to share in prize money, which will be used for L'Arche Adelaide.

Please vote for us: mygivingcircle.org/biggestive.

We used the funds from the last campaign to support L'Arche Perth.

40 year Anniversary

We are 40 years old this year in Australia and we have many celebrations organised that I will share with you in our next newsletter. We will be hosting a conference in 2019 with the theme: *L'Arche: A Call to Community* and more details will be posted on our website (www.larche.org.au) in July. We are also hosting a retreat for members in Trosly, France, from March 31 to April 5, 2019 and we will also post further details on the our website. Blessings! David

L'Arche Australia

Annual Report 2016-17



We are people with
and without
intellectual
disabilities, sharing life
in Communities
belonging to an
International
Federation



Our mission is to make
known the gifts of
people with
intellectual disabilities
and in so doing build a
more human society



In 2017 in Australia in
L'Arche there were
5 established Communities,
4 emerging Communities,
and 2 outreach programs.
In 2018 we celebrate 40
years of L'Arche in Australia



L'Arche Australia Ltd Financial Summary In 2016-17 our income was \$395,000.

This enabled the National Leader & Deputy leader to:

- ▣ support Communities in living the mission of L'Arche
- ▣ foster the development of L'Arche in other places in Australia and in New Zealand and in the wider Asia-Pacific region
- ▣ provide support for local Community Leaders,
- ▣ support the National Listening & Speaking Group which is composed of representatives with disabilities from all Communities,
- ▣ oversee provision of formation & retreats to all Community members,
- ▣ support the participation of 12 members of L'Arche Australia at the International Federation Assembly in Belfast, a worldwide gathering of over 500 people with and without intellectual disability from 40 countries.



Thank you

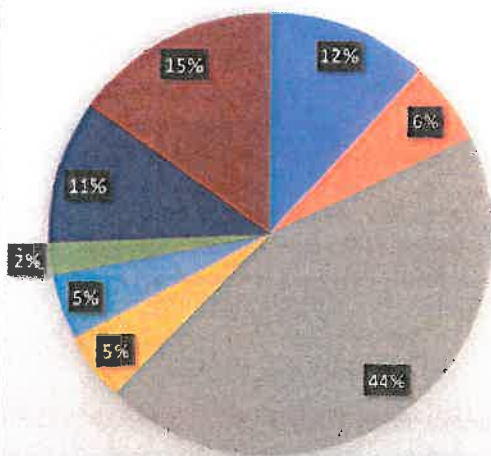
We would like to thank

- ▣ those who support us financially
- ▣ those who pray for us
- ▣ those who volunteer their time, skills and friendship

Without your help we would not be able to continue our work to enable communities to grow and flourish.
If you would like to donate please go to our website

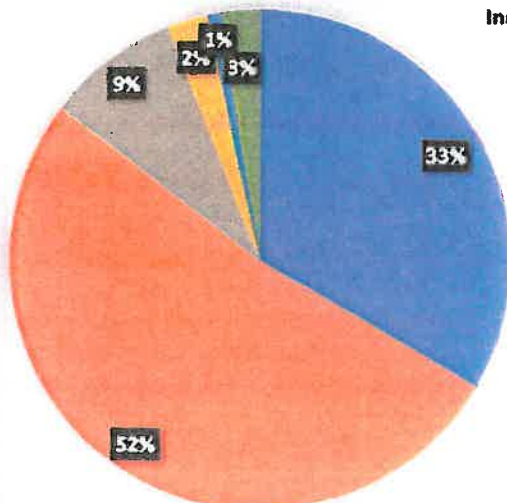
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**Expenditure 2016-2017
\$395,000**



- ▣ L'Arche International Federation Membership
- ▣ L'Arche International-Leaders meetings
- ▣ Supporting Communities-new & existing
- ▣ NLS Group-Community members with disability
- ▣ Communication & Fundraising
- ▣ Publicity
- ▣ National meetings & logistics/policies
- ▣ Office administration/Insurances

Income 2016-17 \$395,000



- ▣ Donations/Bequests
- ▣ Community Levy Contributions
- ▣ Grant from L'Arche International
- ▣ Project Grant- Men's retreat
- ▣ Investment: Interest
- ▣ Funds for communities and Asia Pacific & NZ

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Location Key
 ● Communities
 ● Employment
 ● Services

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