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Investor Returns



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Adelaide Tea Break raising money and awareness for SA's 6,000 homeless

During Homelessness Week (1-7 August) UC Invest provided funding to Hang it up for Poverty (HIUFP), for a unique fundraising event; the inaugural Adelaide Tea Break.

Throughout the week the Hang it up for Poverty team partnered with Central Market Kitchen, EcoCaddy and Spring Gully Foods to create and deliver over 300 scrumptious morning and afternoon teas to city businesses in exchange for cash donations to support SA's Homeless.

The aim was to raise awareness and understanding of homelessness whilst also creating a simple way for people in the city to give back.

Central Market Kitchen helped to cook all the treats, the condiments were provided by Spring Gully Foods and the team at EcoCaddy kindly acted as a delivery service for the week.

Homelessness Week is a national event aimed at increasing support for people experiencing homelessness in Australia.

In South Australia alone there are currently almost 6,000 homeless people. HIUFP Campaign Manager Alice MacFarlane says "by joining together as a community we are saying, that's not good enough – we want to be part of the change".

UC Invest is proud to have donated to this fantastic event. We are pleased to announce that the event raised over \$6,000, every dollar of which will be going to support UnitingCare's important work helping people who are experiencing homelessness.

It just goes to show that even through a simple act, such as coming together with fellow coworkers to have tea and a scone, you can make a difference.

Welcome to our Spring edition of Investor Returns

Spring is time for change. The weather is warmer, the days are longer and the leaves reappear on the trees.

We are pleased to feature two worthy grant recipients in this edition, who have received funding from UC Invest, to make real and positive change in our community.

The Northern Synod has once again brought together indigenous communities to translate the Bible into the local dialect of the East Arnhemland. This is another inspiring initiative of the Northern Synod that UC Invest is proud to support.

Hang it up for Poverty have run yet another successful fundraising event, with their inaugural Adelaide Tea Break. The money raised will help South Australia's homeless and I applaud Hang it up for Poverty for finding a unique way of raising funds for this important community issue.

We thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a warm and sunny Spring.

Paul

Paul Barnett



Indigenous translators of East Arnhemland continue their journey

In Yirrkala, an Aboriginal community just south of Nhulunbuy on the Eastern coast of East Arnhemland, Yolŋu translators met with delegates from the Australian Society for Indigenous Languages (AuSIL) and the Northern Synod of the Uniting Church, to discuss the ongoing Yolŋu translations of the Bible.

21 participants attended the three-day meeting held in late August. The event brought together representatives from six communities across Arnhemland including Milingimbi, Raminginin, Gawa, Galiwin'ku, Yirrkala and Gangan, as well as representatives from Jabiru in West Arnhem and also Darwin. Ten languages were represented in this momentous meeting of indigenous communities.

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to the Yolŋu translators and hear where the Holy Spirit was calling them to direct their translation efforts. Participants also designed a work plan for the next 12 months and commenced the strategic planning for the next five years. "This meeting enables us to gather together and draw strength from each other, we are dealing with committed lives not just books and words" said Yurranydjil

Dhurrkayi, a participant from the East Arnhemland community.

The meeting was enormously successful, especially in enabling Yolŋu styles of work and decision making to be incorporated into the planning of future projects.

UC Invest were proud to donate \$15,000 to the Northern Synod who allocated the funds to Coordinate, an agency of the UCA Northern Synod who support indigenous Scripture.

The donation was primarily used for transportation, to bring the 21 participants to the Yirrkala church. The grant will also help towards a translation conference to be held at Umawa in the APY lands of North Western South Australia, which is planned for October 2016.

Changing Regulatory Environment

UC Invest has been providing an investment service to the Uniting Church community since 1977.

The products and services, and the way UC Invest delivers them is governed by the Synod/Presbytery of Uniting Church SA, whilst being regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC). UC Invest is what the government regulators call a 'Religious Charitable Development Fund' (RCDF). Are the acronyms confusing you yet?

ASIC and APRA regulations have remained virtually unchanged for over 20 years.

However, over the past two years or so, APRA and ASIC have both been reviewing their RCDF conditions, and have provided forums to receive feedback on their discussion papers. UC Invest has fully participated in the processes, and has been keen for the

Regulators to allow UC Invest to continue to operate without major changes to its operations or its product offerings.

That being said, ASIC and APRA are going through the final stages to making changes which are likely to impact on our business model, and which may impact our capacity to further the Uniting Church's mission in South Australia and beyond.

The proposed new regulations are general in nature and therefore do not take into consideration the financial capacity of the individual Religious Organisations.

APRA and ASIC have allowed transition time to implement any changes.

During this transition time, the Uniting Church Investment Committee will review our product mix, to ensure we serve our clients, and continue to provide benefits to our Church's community.

What does all this mean for you?

Firstly, nothing immediately. Existing clients' accounts can continue as usual for the rest of the year and for the whole of 2017.

When APRA and ASIC confirm their changes to the regulations, we will then let you know of any changes which will affect your investments with us for the future, and will keep you up-to-date with any business model changes we intend to make.

UC Invest continues to be a vital activity of the Uniting Church in SA. You, our clients, have helped to finance millions of dollars of projects and missions for the Church since 1977 through your support. The Uniting Church in SA will always put the security of your investments as its highest priority, and consider it a privilege that you would consider to invest your hard earned monies with us.

WE PROMISE TO KEEP YOU FULLY INFORMED OF REGULATION CHANGES AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED AND WHAT THIS WILL MEAN FOR YOU AND US. HOWEVER, IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US ON 1300 274 151.



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ANSWER:

A coat of paint



Bike donation benefiting Beyond Limits

This spring UC Invest purchased 14 bikes on behalf of Uniting Venues SA to go towards their Beyond Limits Outdoor Education Program.

The bikes will be housed at the Nunyara Conference Centre, one of several sites that facilitate the program.

Beyond Limits is run for school and youth groups throughout SA. Offering a mix of school camp and adventure camp programs, all designed to develop communication, teamwork, and leadership within the participants.

Established five years ago, it has continued to grow and this year will deliver programs to over 100 groups.

Over the last five years UC Invest has contributed to this growth with donations of adventure equipment. In the past they have provided the organisation with a number of bikes and canoes to use at the Adare Camp and Caravan Park.

The provision of adventure equipment helps support Uniting Venues SA and the Beyond Limits program. UC Invest is pleased that the bikes will be used to support the health and wellbeing of young South Australians.



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