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## Mike's message

### Volunteers: The heart of our Village Program

As we approach **National Volunteer Week** (19 - 25 May 2025), we are reminded of the incredible impact our volunteers have on Grandcarers SA and the kinship carers we support. Simply put, without our volunteers, we could not provide the essential services that benefit hundreds of Grandcarers across South Australia.

One of the programs most reliant on volunteer support is our **Village Program**, which includes 12 Villages throughout SA. These peer support meetings are a vital space where Grandcarers can break the cycle of isolation and loneliness, connect with others in similar situations, share challenges, and find solutions in a safe and supportive environment. The benefits of these meetings are profound – sometimes even life-changing or life-saving.

We are currently reviewing the Village Program to expand its reach, improve accessibility, and enhance the overall meeting experience. Additionally, we are excited to continue our Village Workshops later this year and to host our second **Big Village** on 30 April (more details can be found later in this newsletter).

The name "Village" was inspired by the well-known African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." But just as importantly, it takes dedicated volunteers to nurture and lead our Villages.

If you, or someone you know, has experience in Health, Education, Grandcarer support, or Social Work and can commit a few hours each month to facilitate a Village meeting, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Joanne Hunter (contact details at the end of this newsletter) or apply online at [grandcarers.au/join-us/](https://grandcarers.au/join-us/)

Finally, if you come across one of our volunteers, please take a moment to let them know how much they are valued. Their dedication makes all the difference.

## CEO, Grandcarers SA

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BigVillage



## The Big Village 2025

Following the success of our inaugural Big Village, our registered clients are again invited to a day of information and personal support on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

- A worthwhile welcome pack
- Useful information for Grandcarers (see below)
- Networking opportunities with other Grandcarers and our team
- Good food, including morning tea and lunch
- A prize draw

Hosted by Grandcarers SA Ambassador Jane Reilly OAM, speakers will include:

- Her Excellency, the Hon Frances Adamson AC
- Mike Feszczak, CEO Grandcarers SA
- Ashum Owen, CEO Wakwakurna Kanyini
- Michael Bampton, Consumer & Business Services on Cyber Crime and Scams
- Linda White on Strength Based Approaches for Carers
- Jason Tyndall, CEO Nature Play on Saved by Nature

**All this at a subsidised cost of only \$20 per registered client or \$150 for a table of 10 clients from a current Grandcarers Village.**

**Please book by Sunday 13 April 2025.**

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WeNeed



We are thrilled to be included as one of the two organisations nominated by CommBank's 96 King William Street, Adelaide

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need your vote!

All funding received will be spent on activities supporting our clients. To vote for us:

- Click on the button below
- Where it asks for a branch, enter '96 King William Street' (as you type the full address may drop in)
- Access the two local voting options and vote for us!

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Reconciliation

## Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Reconciliation



As a not-for-profit supporting kinship carers, we are committed to reconciliation and recognise the ongoing impacts of colonisation, including the Stolen Generations. We believe in the importance of culturally safe and inclusive practices to support kinship carers and their families.

- Listening and Learning
- Cultural Safety
- Support for Carers
- Partnerships
- Reflection and Action

We affirm our commitment to walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and kinship carers towards a shared future grounded in respect, understanding and unity.

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TwoYears

## Two years supporting Grandcarers SA

Do you know where the car was?

(Answer at bottom of this email)



**Toyota**, West Terrace Adelaide. This car replaced the old 'big red car' that had been seen many times across South Australia.

The purchase of this car was made possible through the generosity of the **CMV Foundation** and the tremendous support of the **James and Diana Ramsay Foundation**. Since its purchase we have travelled in it across the Yorke Peninsula visited the Barossa Valley, the Riverland and the Fleurieu Peninsula whilst also attending events and meetings in and around Metropolitan Adelaide.

Thanks also go to our wonderful volunteer Celine who assisted with the design and fitting of its graphics with Signarama.

Look out for the 'silver and red flash' and give us a wave.



*We love to see you CMI'ing*



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FarewellB

## Farewell Bronwyn and thank you



Grandcarers SA has been particularly fortunate to have developed excellent connections with Centrelink staff within Services Australia, particularly with **Bronwyn Hill** who for many years was our Grandparent Advisor and has recently taken on a different role in Services Australia.

Many clients have been referred to Bronwyn and all have spoken highly of the assistance and support she was able to provide. Others may remember Bronwyn speaking at the 2023 Big Village (pictured above).

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*Many thanks to all the grandcarers and the Grandcarers SA team who I have been fortunate to support over the last 8 years.*

**To the grandparents:** *You do a wonderful job raising your grandchildren. It has been a pleasure to assist with your Centrelink enquiries, and I hope that I have assisted to ensure that you have received the assistance available to you. I feel that I have seen so many of your grandchildren grow up through either phone contact or with my visits to the Village groups.*

**To Grandcarers SA :** *I have made so many new friends and hope to remain in touch in the future, with at least my regular Santa visit each year with presents to donate to your big Christmas giveaway. Our outreach trips to country areas were always marvellous. We are so lucky to have your organisation in SA to advocate for grandparents who take on the role of caring for children for a second time around, at a time when they should all be relaxing and enjoying life.*

All the best for the future Bronwyn, we hope to see you again soon.

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## INFORMATION

ForestF



## Forest Festival



## Kuipto Wirra inparri (Kuitpo Forest) Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 April 2025

Forest Festival is a thoughtfully curated celebration of children, nature, Aboriginal culture, and community.

It's an opportunity to slow down, breathe the crisp forest air, and follow your child's lead as their curiosity takes them on a meandering path of wonder, joy and creativity.

We'll be joined by **Kaurna/Narungga Elder, Kauwanu Tamaru**, along with live acoustic performances. Crowd favourite, **The Amazing Drumming Monkeys**, will again join the entertainment lineup. There will be nature play activities for all ages throughout the day, as well as stalls and giveaways.

We can't wait to see you there!

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

### **And for something new this year!**

All ticket purchases automatically go in the draw to WIN a 2-night [CABN](#) stay for a family of 4 (plus one lucky pet)! Enjoy a late check-out, firewood (seasonal), and more – a prize worth over \$1,000.

The prize winner will be announced post event [\\*T&C's apply.](#)

ClubK

## Club Kaleidoscope



We have prepared a fantastic Easter school holiday experience – open to younger NDIS participants aged 4-17.

Our exciting program has been planned for all age groups and abilities. We've designed a fun, immersive experience with therapeutic goals and outcomes to cater to different interests and needs, delivered by our experienced therapists and positive behaviour support team at our Welland clinic.

The Easter program consists of four separate days with four separate themes. Participants can attend a single day or multiple days. Each day combines creativity, engagement, and expression to strengthen self-identity, enhance relationships, and boost self-esteem.

**This program is claimable under NDIS Capacity Building.**

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## Upcoming Villages

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### Port Lincoln

Wednesday 2 April

PLACC, 30 Ravendale Road, Port Lincoln SA 5606

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### Tea Tree Gully

Monday 7 April, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Surrey Downs Community Centre, Meeting Room 2  
6 Zanoni Crescent, Surrey Downs SA 5126

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### Adelaide Hills

Wednesday 9 April, 10:30am-12:00pm

The Hut Community Centre, 1 Euston Road, Aldgate SA 5154

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### Barossa Valley

Thursday 10 April, 10:30am-12:00pm

CADL Office, 15 Second Street, Nuriootpa SA 5355

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### Port Adelaide

Monday 28 April, 10:00am-12:00pm

Bower Cottages, 200 Bower Road, Semaphore Park SA 5019

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Hayborough Lookout, Hindmarsh Road, Victor Harbor.

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