



Anawim - 25 years of helping women throughout WA

In February 2003, Anawim will celebrate 25 years of service to the Aboriginal Community of Western Australia.

25 years, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – From right across the State of WA – Anawim has provided care and support to aboriginal women...

- women escaping family, domestic or social violence;
- accommodation for women who find themselves temporarily homeless;
- assisted women battling alcohol and other addictions;
- and a multitude of programs and services specifically for their clients.

Anawim's mission has always been to support women in times of crisis - to assist them in their efforts to take charge of their own lives, and to live in the community in safety, and with dignity.

Whilst the service is well known to women who need the agency's help, Anawim goes about its daily business largely unknown – this is to ensure the maximum privacy and safety for the women they seek to serve.

Approx 250 women access the supported accommodation at Anawim each year. Another 60 women access the overnight accommodation, and somewhere between 1500 – 2000 women and children access the non-residential support services each and every year.

Anawim has continued to respond to the needs of the aboriginal community throughout the years.

To mark its 25th year of service (thanks to CAP funding provided through the Department of Housing & Works and with the generous support of the Lotteries Commission of WA) Anawim will open a new "night shelter" that will provide temporary accommodation and care for up to 5 women.

The Anawim service is integral to the mission of the Church, and clearly demonstrates that the Church is committed to people who are most disadvantaged by society.

Anawim is funded through LifeLink, thanks to your generous support.

Together, we can make a difference!



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meeting the challenge...
...making a difference!

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.



These images capture a single moment of time.

They offer a rare "snapshot" of what goes on inside LifeLink agencies - each and every day.

The people in these photographs are not actors; they are real people, with real problems, who have turned to a LifeLink agency for help.

They have generously allowed us to use their photo, to help LifeLink spread the good news.

Thank you one and all.



In 2003, over 48,500 West Australian families and individuals will turn to a LifeLink agency for support and assistance.

The unemployed, the homeless, victims of abuse, people with disability, migrants & refugees, men and women suffering addiction, the lonely, the isolated and many more.

All will be cared for by one of the LifeLink social service agencies "reaching out".

Your support of LifeLink, through the various appeals made by Archbishop Hickey, "does indeed make a difference".

We appreciate and acknowledge the support offered by WA's Award Winning Photographer Victorio Natoli of VIVA Photography, who took these wonderful shots.

Thanks Vic.

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CENTACARE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING New Directions for Unemployment



According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, almost 200,000 Australians that want to work have been unemployed for over a year or more. Less restrictive definitions suggest the figure could be over twice this.

The problem is not a recent one.

Over the last twenty years the number of people in long-term unemployment has moved up sharply with each recession and then failed to return to pre recession levels when the economy has fully recovered.

This level of long-term unemployment is unacceptable in a country that has enjoyed strong economic growth for almost a decade and has the

highest job vacancy levels in over ten years.

These facts are widely known, and policy makers, academics and others have not ignored the issue. Many regional, state wide and national initiatives have been launched to address the issue. There have been successes but, despite the extensive research, good intentions and significant expenditure, the problem remains.

Concerted action is required on many fronts – from broader strategies focused on jobs growth, reducing demand volatility, eliminating 'poverty traps' and reinforcing mutual obligations, to supply-side programs at the community and individual levels, aimed at supporting high risk groups through difficult life transitions as well as training the

unemployed to fill areas of jobs growth and skills shortage.

The coexistence of a strong economy and persistent high levels of long-term unemployment suggests that the latter strategies must be a critical part of the solution.

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FIRST Will Information Evening FOR 2003

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response we received from parishes and parishioners last year, Archbishop Hickey has asked us to continue hosting the "Free Will Information Evenings" in 2003.

Over 100 guests attended each of the seminars we conducted thus far, and from their feedback, they were delighted to have attended.

The seminars are designed to offer information on what is involved in making a Will, why it is important and useful tools for preparing a Will.

In addition, and most importantly, we have experienced legal practitioners on hand to answer any questions you might have and to provide advice – and it's completely FREE!

This is not a fundraising event - this is LifeLink's way of "giving something back" to the parishes and parishioners who so generously support us throughout the year.

The next Information Evening will be held on

Date Thursday 27th February
Time Commences at 7.30pm
Venue St Jerome's Parish Centre
Troode Street
Munster

Tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the seminar... **Bookings are essential, so please call Kim on 9223-1315 today to reserve your seat/s.**



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