



Community Connect

Supporting Otago Families

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One of the services we offer is Restorative Justice, which is the process of bringing together victims of crime and their offenders to discuss the impact of the crime, repair the harm and find a positive way forward.

The recent New Zealand Restorative Justice Week focused on showcasing the Restorative Justice process and how it offers victims the chance to be heard, gets answers to questions and provides a sense of closure. It also gives offenders a chance to face up to the impact of their behaviour, and through this, can help to reduce reoffending.

For Chris, an offender who recently took part in Restorative Justice following a car accident, the process offered him an important opportunity to say sorry to the victim.

Chris was driving down an overbridge and he reached a give-way junction. He paused, looked, and then accelerated across the road. "I didn't see him until he hit the bonnet. My son was in the passenger seat and he said, "Dad!" just before we hit the cyclist – my son saw him but I didn't.

So I had gone through the give way sign and failed to give way. I was pretty shaken up to know that I had done that. It wasn't a very nice situation."

Chris went on to describe what happened next. "The victim did a full flip in the air, like a cartwheel, over the bonnet, and landed on his feet and then fell onto his knees and sort of crawled off the road onto the grassy verge on the corner. I put my handbrake on and left my car on the road and jumped out with my son and we went to help the cyclist. He wasn't in a good way. Other people then stopped to help with blankets. The cyclist was coming in and out of consciousness and then an ambulance and the police arrived. They breath tested me and took a statement. It was overwhelming really."

Chris said that afterwards, he tried to get in touch with the victim via the police because he wanted

to give him some grocery or petrol vouchers to try to help him out because of what had happened, but the police couldn't pass on the victim's details.

So when the Restorative Justice option came up Chris said he was happy to do it straight away. "I didn't realise that it was something that you could do. I thought it would be a good thing and would have liked to do it sooner if we could have."

When asked how he found the process, Chris said, "The facilitator was really good – he said it was a completely voluntarily process, and he talked me through what was going to happen. When we met with the victim, he was really understanding. It was good to talk to him and apologise, and for him to see that it affected me quite a bit. It was my fault and I

failed to give way and I hurt him. It definitely brought me some closure."

He also mentioned how forgiving the victim was. "He said that he did not want me to lose my licence. I have recently started up my own business and my vehicle is pretty critical for what I am doing."

"So yeah, it was good to deal with it. Very pleased that I did it. Good to get a bit of closure and meet the victim. I would definitely recommend Restorative Justice. We really appreciate the service you provide."

Visit anglicanfamilycare.org.nz or call 0800 FAM CARE (03 477 0801) to find out more about Restorative Justice. Please note that all referrals to this service come through the court system.



My name is Maree McDonald and I joined Anglican Family Care's Restorative Justice Otago team in July this year as Co-ordinator Support. I have three children aged 9, 7 and 4 and am married to Hamish.

I have a legal background and practised in family law and general practice until 2012. Since then I have worked as an Instructor for the Institute of Professional Legal Studies which I am combining with my Restorative Justice work.

Life outside of work is busy – chasing after the children and their various activities and chairing the Board of Trustees at George Street Normal School. I am really enjoying working alongside such a skilled Restorative Justice Otago team who do amazing work in the community with care and compassion.



My name is Kate Gilmore and I am the newest facilitator working for Restorative Justice Otago. I am the proud mother of a lovely boy who is almost two years old and I have another baby on the way.

I became a facilitator because I am passionate about the restorative process. I believe the most important asset in our community is the people and the positive relationships that we create and nurture.

Everyone has a story, and listening is an important part of Restorative Justice. Talking about how a person perceives an event and how it has impacted them can help people heal and move forward. Restorative Justice also allows people to learn and grow in a nurturing environment.

I am thoroughly enjoying the meaningful work that I am involved in at Restorative Justice Otago and I am learning a lot from the wonderful team of facilitators.



Hi, I'm Felicity Sutherland. I have lived in NZ for over 30 years now, having spent my earlier years in Tanzania in East Africa, and then England.

I came to live in Dunedin more recently and this feels like home now. I am blessed with three children who fill my days with much pleasure. I enjoy gardening, travelling, reading, interior decorating, having good conversations - and good coffee!

My professional background is in nursing, retail management and counselling. Nowadays I occupy myself with a number of roles including workplace chaplaincy, counselling and some professional supervision. Adding to these interests, I consider myself privileged to have become part of the Restorative Justice team. I was drawn to the role of facilitator by a long-held interest in the idea of truth and reconciliation, as a way of working through an offence.

I have been so encouraged by the work that has been done to progress this within the NZ court system and hope over time to make my own small contribution.

A Social Worker with a Mission

Tribute to former Anglican Family Care Board Member Danetta Viviane Stringer who passed away earlier this year, written by Mere Montgomery (MSW).



Danetta (right), pictured with Nicola Taylor (AFC Director) and David Clark MP. (photo taken in 2015)

Danetta was born in Temuka, TeWaipounamu of Kai Tahu, Kati Mamoe, Waitaha descent. She had a varied career and made a significant contribution to social work in Dunedin and Otago. She joined the Maatua Whangai Team in the Department of Social Welfare in 1988 and became supervisor in late 1989. She was a Maatua Whangai caregiver for 12 years, and also fostered in the Department of Social Welfare system.

She gained her understanding of Maatua Whangai from her family. She was raised by her father and aunts after her mother died. She remembered her father saying "Maatua Whangai starts at home." Danetta supported Maatua Whangai's strong advocacy of Maori children, their families and Maori caregivers. She believed in building up children and returning them to their families.

She worked tirelessly with the five Maatua Whangai geographical whanau groups in Brockville,

Corstorphine, Pine Hill, South Dunedin and a Baby whanau. She loved attending the monthly whanau meetings, which were held in the caregiver's homes. These whanau members were very strong people and supported each other.

The Maatua Whangai referrals came from many sources such as Social Welfare, schools, police, youth justice and the courts. It was a heavy workload and funding for care of Maatua Whangai children was meagre, and was insufficient for clothing and educational needs. However Danetta's greatest disappointment was the closure of the Matua Whangai Programme in 1991. She said that losing Matua Whangai left her with an empty feeling.

Danetta went on to become the Acting Supervisor at the Puketai Residence at Elliot Street while the permanent supervisor was on study leave. During the mid-1990's Danetta was in poor health and eventually she left Child, Youth and Family on medical retirement. Not to be kept down, Danetta set about establishing her dream of an iwi social service in Dunedin. She worked closely with support people to write policies and was approved by Child, Youth and Family as a registered service. In the late 1990's Pikiake te rito, a Kai Tahu social service, was started in South Dunedin. They provided assistance to families and children, help with family disputes, oversight of custody of children, counselling, food parcels, toys and clothes. When the service folded in 2003, she continued to work from home.

In the mid-2000s Danetta became a member of the Maori and Pacific Island Advisory Group to the Anglican Family Care Board and eventually became a Board member until the end of her tenure in 2014. She was a life member of the Otepoti branch of the Maori Women's Welfare League. Danetta was staunch, loved a challenge and had wide networks in the community.

We would also like to acknowledge with sadness the passing of long-serving staff member Jenny Donaldson, and of dedicated volunteer Jo McLaren.

2017-18 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report

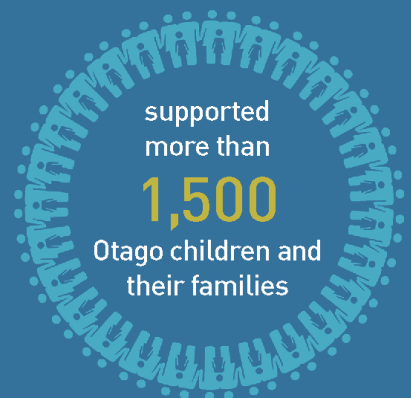
We were delighted to publish our 2017-18 Annual Report reflecting on the year ended 30 June 2018 at our 2018 Annual General Meeting, which took place on 19 September.

Highlights of the year included:

- a small financial surplus for the first time in three years, thanks to support from donors and trusts
- the expansion of our services into rural areas of Otago
- success stories from the Family Start programme
- the growth of our play therapy service
- great outcomes from the restorative justice programme
- our client survey, in which 100% of clients said they would recommend Anglican Family Care's services to others.

The report can be read online at www.anglicanfamilycare.org.nz/news or contact us on 477 0801 for a printed copy.

From 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018
Anglican Family Care...



and made **5,455** home visits

Thank you!

A special thank you to everyone who has donated financially over the past three months, or who gave clothes or attended our inaugural Spring Clothing Sale – it was a great success!



We would also like to thank COGS (Department of Internal Affairs), the Donald and Nellye Malcom Charitable Trust and the Tindall Foundation for grants in the last three months.



Change at the helm

Nicola Taylor, who has been the Director of Anglican Family Care for the past 15 years is retiring on 14th December. On announcing her retirement, Niccy said, "I want to acknowledge not only the hard work of the staff of the agency, but the amazing support we have received from donors and supporters over the years. They enable us to do the work we do with Otago families and their support has a huge impact."

The Board of Trustees have appointed Mike Williams (right) as the new General Manager of Anglican Family Care, effective from Niccy's retirement date.



Mike has worked as Anglican Family Care's Business Support Manager for the last four months. He has been involved in the social services sector in Dunedin since 2001, firstly in community mental health and further in NGO management. He managed Corpac Trust, a budgeting service for people living with mental health issues, between 2004 and 2017, and more recently Prisoners' Aid and Rehabilitation Society (Otago) 2017-18 before moving to Anglican Family Care. Mike holds a degree in management and lives with his wife and two children in Dunedin.

This Christmas please help us support vulnerable Otago children

- \$25 Provides a respite caregiver for one night to give a mum a break
- \$50 Provides a home visit to struggling parents to provide support and help
- \$75 Provides a pack of parenting resources
- \$100 Gives a grieving child one play therapy session to help them start to heal
- \$200 Provides a social worker at a low decile school for one day

We would also be very grateful for donations of new toys, books, games, items of clothing or toiletries to pass onto the families we support this Christmas (up until Friday 14 December).

Yes!

I would like to make a difference to Otago families this Christmas

My gift is: \$25 \$75 \$200
 \$50 \$100 Other \$
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