

Oranaability



• From left Harrow House Trust Board Member Leon Byass, Harrow House Trust Board Member Ray Duthy, His Excellency, the Governor, Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Harrow House Trust Chair Peter Emery, Harrow House Trust Board Member Sue Chapman, Harrow House Trust Board Member Tim Hill.

Orana Patron officially opens Harrow House

On Thursday, April 26 Orana was delighted to be a part of the official opening ceremony of Harrow House Glenside. The official opening was conducted by the Governor of South Australia and Orana Patron – His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR.

Home to ten people, the Harrow House building has been funded by the Harrow House Trust and houses twelve residents at full capacity. It is purpose built, with high and low levels of disability support as well as spacious bedrooms and communal areas. The house is very environmentally friendly with solar panels and extra insulation to further reduce power consumption and it has a large garden where residents grow a lot of their own vegetables.

Harrow House is a unique model of accommodation for people with a disability, directly linking people with a disability, The Harrow House Trust, The Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) and Orana as the service provider.

As the service provider, Orana is responsible for the day to day management of the house, including staffing and care plans. As with all Orana accommodation services, Orana actively promotes resident/community interaction and encourages high levels of family involvement. Some residents are in supported employment and all participate

in a range of social and recreational activities. Orana is proud to have this relationship with the Harrow House Trust and to be able to support the residents. Many people have spoken of the wonderful partnership and the excellent service Orana provides.

At the opening, Orana president Bill Filmer congratulated the Harrow Trust Board on bringing the project together. "It is our vision to be acclaimed for excellence in services to people with disabilities, and Harrow House is helping us achieve this vision," he said.

The opening was a proud moment for all involved in the project but especially for those who live in this wonderful house.



• Harrow House residents Ryan Clarke, Dougie Jacobsson and Josh Cunningham

Orana events

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

Orana Gardening School with Kim Syrus, winter roses and June Taylor, winter herbs



THURSDAY 14 JUNE

Orana Cooking School Modern Italian with My Kitchen Rules 2012 Runners Up, Nic and Rocco



THURSDAY 21 JUNE

Orana Cooking School Malaysian Cooking with Poh Ling Yeow



TUESDAY 3 JULY

Orana Cooking School with Australian MasterChef runner-up Michael Weldon



TUESDAY 17 JULY

Orana Cooking School with Australian Masterchef finalist Andre Ursini



TUESDAY 31 JULY

Orana Cooking School A Culinary Journey through Italy with Rosa Matto, resident chef on SA Life



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President's Perspective

Welcome to our June edition of Oranability.

At the end of last year we launched our appeal to provide a Respite Centre on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Six months on and I'm delighted to announce we're in the very favourable position of looking at properties, and we hope to buy a property in the next couple of months. This respite home will allow clients of Orana to be able to have an affordable holiday. Many people with a disability don't have the supports in place to enable them to have a break and enjoy the simple pleasures of having a break away from home.

All of our fundraising efforts this year are focusing on this project and our thanks go to the Associazione Abruzzese of South Australia for choosing Orana as a recipient of its annual fundraising dinner. We really appreciate these and other efforts, as our dream of having a respite home in Victor Harbor is set to become a reality.

On April 26 I had the pleasure of delivering a speech at the official opening of Harrow House. In attendance were our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, the State Minister for Disability Services and a large number of dignitaries. It was very pleasing to hear the Chairman of the Harrow Trust, Peter Emery, single out Orana team leader Deb Tobin as the leader of a fantastic team.

Improving culinary skills is definitely the main flavour of the month, with Orana employees learning cooking and nutrition with Chef Mel Haynes and more dates being added to our Orana Cooking School program. We are fortunate these Schools are well supported by a number of sponsors and I hope some of you are able to return the favour by taking advantage of the wine offer from Orana Cooking School sponsor Wirra Wirra winery. The offer details are on the flyer in this newsletter.

How many of us remember our business development manager Tony Benson starting at Orana? Did you realise it's nearly 30 years ago since

he started? Tony now holds the accolade of being Orana's longest serving staff member (past and present). Thank you Tony for your dedication, hard work and commitment in helping Orana be the organisation it is today.

Additions to the Orana team continue and we welcome on board the following staff:

- Ronald Kalaquian** *ICT Officer, Netley*
- Jennifer Rowlson** *Accommodation Support Worker, Amaroo AS*
- Brooke Robinson** *Accommodation Support Worker, Amaroo AS*
- Samantha Grant** *Accommodation Support Worker, Meningie AS*
- Matt VanDenHam** *Supervisor, External Services, Netley*

With the end of financial year end nearly upon us, we look forward to sharing with you soon the business plans and budgets currently being carried out by Orana's Board of Directors and Management team. The first half of 2012 has proven to be extremely busy for Orana and the second half is looking to be the same as we continue to find ways to improve and extend our services, and ultimately help people achieve, be accepted and lead fulfilling lives.

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Whyalla Respite Services – one year on

Just over a year ago, the purpose-built four bedroom respite house in Whyalla, Bienvenidos House, was officially opened by the then State Minister for Disability, Jennifer Rankine. Since the opening, the House, which provides the invaluable respite service for families from Whyalla and the wider Eyre Peninsula, has been running at almost full capacity.

"We now have 50 people registered and our certified Children's Licence means we help people of all ages, from five to 65," Monica Fernandez, Bienvenidos House Manager says. "Plus we are running the vacation care program with the help of funding from Disability Services SA."

"We have helped so many people since we became operational early last year and it is really encouraging when we hear of the positive difference we are making to people's lives in this area. I'm extremely grateful for the dedicated staff as we look to increase our services in the future," she adds.

The care program has helped increase Bienvenidos's ties in the local community and recently, leading country singer Adam Harvey performed at the Westland Hotel, Whyalla, with proceeds going to

Bienvenidos House. Local country singer Graeme Hugo supported him, and fans were treated to a 'boot scootin' extended performance by both singers.

It was a fantastic night and everyone was dancing. We'd like to thank Adam and Graeme for a great performance, and we are delighted to hear they are planning another concert later in the year for Orana's benefit. Watch this space!

We were also delighted when the Minister for Disability, Hon Ian Hunter MLC, dropped in to see us last month. He was in the area as part of his regional visits since taking the Disability portfolio in Oct 2011.



• Adam and Graeme in action



• Adam with the Orana group



• From left, Tony Klícek, Eamonn Pilkington, Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Chris Kingdon and Monica Fernandez, Manager – Whyalla Respite Service.



• Orana employees with Chef Mel Haynes

Cleaning up after the barbie in Port Augusta

Congratulations to the team at Orana Port Augusta who have been awarded the two-year contract to keep the Council owned BBQ's clean.

"We are really pleased the Council renewed this contract as it clearly recognises the great job our work crews do," said Dennis Cartwright, Port Augusta Manager. "This, and other contracts for our work crews, is a really good opportunity for our employees to work within the community.

"Our employees really like getting out and about, and take a real pride in contributing to keeping our town clean and tidy," said Dennis.

"We're very satisfied with the work undertaken by Orana which is why we were happy to award Orana the contract for two years, together with two years right of renewal," says Lee Heron at Port Augusta Council.

"Orana employees do an excellent job and we look forward to continuing to work with them over the coming months."

As well as Orana's work crews working on a number of external projects, Orana Port Augusta also works on sub contracts. Plus there is the retail pet shop which includes the supply of native animals and reptiles. Orana Port Augusta employs nearly 20 people.



• The Port Augusta crew

Orana Netley employees cook up a treat with Chef Mel Haynes

As part of our commitment to supporting our employees in all areas of their lives and giving them real life skills, Orana Netley employees are turning into budding Masterchefs as they learn what foods are good for them and what makes a nutritious meal. This is thanks to Chef and Nutritionist Mel Haynes's regular cooking sessions. Employees can now knock up a number of quick and tasty recipes such as minestrone soup and tuna mornay.

"I'm really enjoying doing these classes," says Mel. "The employees are great fun to work with and they are so enthusiastic."

Mel is a qualified Nutritionist and specialises in the practical applications of nutritional therapy. After 12 years in the hospitality industry, she now runs cooking classes and health coaching for groups and individuals many of whom require special diets.

Orana employees in the classes also look the part thanks to aprons donated by Vilis Bakery and chef hats donated by Tip Top. Orana employee Christine Colley, who lives independently and looks forward to every class, says....



• Employee Annie Williamson demonstrates her cooking skills

"It is fantastic. I've learnt new cooking skills and how to prepare healthy food. Mel is very patient and helpful with us. I'm having a great time!"

Making a difference to Orana with a gift in your Will

Making a donation through your Will is one way in which you can make a real difference to the future of people with a disability that are supported by Orana. These gifts also known as Bequests have significantly assisted Orana over the last few years to provide infrastructure and services to clients.

Your Will is an important legal document that directs what happens to all of your money and belongings after your death. A will is the only way you can be sure that your wishes will be carried out and that your family, friends and favourite causes receive what you want them to receive.

Reviewing your Will regularly is also important. Marriage, separation and divorce can all change how family and friends may benefit from a Will.

The addition of new children or grandchildren to the family is another very good reason to review and possibly change your Will.

Making or altering a Will can be done by visiting your lawyer, a trustee company or the Public Trustee. Whilst most Wills are simple, it is strongly recommended that you seek professional legal advice when making your Will.

How do bequests Help Orana?

A bequest to Orana, is one of the greatest gifts you can give to support people with a disability. Bequests are one of the most important long-term sources of funding for capital purchases, including property and specialised equipment to benefit people with a disability supported by Orana.

If you would like further information on Orana's Bequest Program, please contact us on (08) 8375 2000 and we will send you a copy of Orana's Bequest booklet.

A Taste of Thai with Marion Grasby

Masterchef and Celebrity Apprentice contender Marion Grasby held a Thai Style Cooking Class at a recent Orana Cooking School.

Held at Homewares Direct on Unley Road, Parkside, participants learnt the intricacies of: *Grilled Garlic & Pepper Chicken on Skewers, Red Thai Curry with Duck & Pineapple, Thai Laab Salad & Thai Crab Omelette.*

Participant John Kruger loved this event. "She is as sweet as she seemed on the TV and she just kept coming up with great tips and ideas. The flavours she made were fresh and vibrant and I learned quite a lot about authentic Thai cooking," he said.

"There's quite a few people who try to tell you what's authentic in regards to Thai cooking techniques and ingredients, so it was great to get the right information and the results were so much more aromatic and flavoursome than the imitations."

Our thanks goes to Marion for a great class and to Libby Gilbert, Homewares Direct owner for welcoming us to her business and the discounts she gave on numerous products.

Sponsors for this event were **AAY's Herbs, Angelakis Bros, Coopers, Bickfords, Days Eggs, Feast! Fine Foods, Fruitalicious, Gaganis Bros, M & J Chickens, Primo Estate, SA Chinese Weekly, Talinga Grove and Wirra Wirra.**

- Marion smiles for the camera
- Some of the delicious end products

Images by John Kruger



28 years of service

Tony Benson, Orana's Business Development Manager has the honour of becoming Orana's longest serving staff member (past or present).

Tony commenced with Orana on 6 February 1984. Tony recalls turning up at the then administrative office in Unley at 8.45 am. "I can remember knocking on the door and no one came until 9.15. When I was shown around and asked where the filing cabinet was with the sales material, the response was 'what filing cabinet, what sales material?' By 10am I was on the phone to my wife saying I'd made the biggest mistake of my life."

Things have changed somewhat since he first walked through the door nearly 30 years ago – there's a few more filing cabinets for a start! Tony's helped Orana grow into an organisation which now supports 550 people through its services, and employs over 130 staff to deliver these services. He has helped develop a diverse range of profitable and sustainable business enterprises throughout metropolitan and regional South Australia.

Thank you Tony for all your hard work, dedication and commitment – Orana is extremely grateful.

Orana Ridleyton works with one of Australia's best

The James Richardson Group decision to award another contract to Orana Ridleyton clearly demonstrates the high standard of work coming out of Orana's Employment Services.

Employing over 2,300 people in three countries across several industries, the James Richardson Corporation was ranked 81st on the BRW Top 500 List of privately-owned companies in Australia in 2010 and it has contracted Orana to produce a range of custom designed manufactured steel products for a number of markets for over ten years.

"At James Richardson, we strongly believe in supporting local organisations and businesses – we like to be involved with the local community and our clients like the fact products are manufactured locally. This is partly why we like working with Orana," said Grahame Spence, Sales Manager, James Richardson SA/NT. "But we also

have very high standards for our contractors and want value for money.

"Orana easily meets all of these standards and its products are always delivered on time," he continues. "A big plus for us is that not only are we getting quality assurance at a competitive price, but we are also keeping South Australian's employed and contributing to creating opportunities for people with a disability to lead a better life."

Orana Ridleyton employs 50 people for a number of subcontract work which includes; assembly, packaging and manufacturing of steel products.



Support Orana at an Italian extravaganza

Associazione Abruzzese of South Australia is inviting you to experience a taste of Italy at its annual fundraising dinner, on Saturday 23 June, 6.30pm – 12 midnight, with all proceeds coming to Orana. For just \$50, (\$25 for children under 12), you will be treated to a delicious four course meal, live band, dancing, raffles and a live auction.

The dinner will take place at San Giorgia La Molarra Community Centre, 11 Henry Street, Payneham.

For further details and to book a place, contact Rita Scassa direct at the Associazione Abruzzese of South Australia ritascas@bigpond.com or phone 8261 6026.



Green fingers at Orana's Gardening School

The Topiary Café at the award winning Newman's Nursery hosted our second gardening school in April where Michael Keelan, June Taylor and Dianne Hall shared their vast knowledge of all that grows.

Lifestyle and gardening presenter Michael Keelan was very entertaining as he gave out general gardening advice while herb specialist and FIVEaa Producer/Presenter June Taylor not only told us how to grow herbs for our cooking, but also filled us in on their uses in our daily lives.

It wasn't just camellia lovers who appreciated Newman's Nursery owner Dianne Hall's advice; many participants said they'd benefited from her knowledge.

"The gardening school really was a very enjoyable event and was set in a beautiful location," said Orana President, Bill Filmer who attended this event. "As well as being entertaining, I've learnt some new tips regarding growing camellias and herbs."

"I'm looking forward to the next school, to get some hands on tips about pruning roses," added Bill, who also drew the raffle. The lucky winners received gorgeous camellia and luxurious lily plants, generously donated by Dianne Hall, Newmans Nursery owner.

A delicious Devonshire Tea was enjoyed at the Topiary Café, and participants were also treated to some wine tasting with Howards Wines from the Adelaide Hills.

A big thank you goes to Yates for its donated 'giveaways' for all participants.

Kim Syrus will be giving advice on Winter Roses at the next Orana Gardening School on Saturday 9th June. This event will be held at Corporate Roses, Myponga. **For more information and to book a place please contact Orana on 8375 2000 or Corporate Roses on 8558 6055.**



• Diane Hall, Michael Keelan and June Taylor at the Orana Gardening School



• Simon Bryant



• The end products!

Images by John Kruger

Tips from the top with Chef Simon Bryant

Chef Simon Bryant shared a wealth of experience and knowledge at his Orana Cooking School as he showed the class how to make *chicken and sweetcorn soup with egg threads*, followed by *apple tart with Woodside Curd and Talinga Grove lemon pressed extra virgin olive oil*.

"Simon's tips ranged from use of ingredients, utensils and how to do tasks such as the egg noodles through the chicken and corn soup," said Julia Dunstone, cooking school participant.

The Cook and the Chef presenter also advised the origin of ingredients was just as important as the cooking itself; a view echoed by organic herb provider Jo-Ann Aay from AAY's Herbs, who joined us for the evening.

A taste of Marrakech

Participants of the Anouar Senah cooking school were transported to Morocco as they learnt the secrets behind *vegetarian cous cous*, *charmulla* and *chicken tagine with preserved lemon and olives*.

The owner of Adelaide Central Market's 'Taste of Marrakech' shared some of the traditional Moroccan ways of cooking resulting in delicately flavoured vegetables served on light and fluffy cous cous. Anouar also remarked that the tagines made in Adelaide were better quality than the ones made in Morocco!

"It was a perfect way to spend an evening," said cooking school participant Ann Collins. "Anouar's passion for food was infectious and the food completely mouth watering. With wonderful wine by Wirra Wirra to wash it all down, it simply doesn't get any better.

"I had no idea such delicious food could be so simple to make. I'm really looking forward to trying out the recipes at home," she added.

It really was a very entertaining evening with participants learning new food preservation techniques, how to wash chicken for extra flavour

"My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed this Cooking School," added Julia. "The food was plentiful and delicious, and it was relaxed and informal. After attending, we thought we would attend another Cooking School session, and in fact have already booked for another!"

Chef Simon Bryant's cooking school took place at Homewares Direct, Unley Road Parkside and we'd like to thank Libby Gilbert, Homewares Direct owner for her support and for the discount on participant's purchases. We'd also like to thank the following sponsors: **AAY's Herbs, Bickfords, Coopers, Feast! Find Foods, Fruitalicious, Gaganis Bros, Primo Estate, SA Chinese Weekly, Talinga Grove, Woodside Cheese Wrights and Wirra Wirra.**

and Anouar explaining the key behind Moroccan cooking – as he added his special blend of spices to the dish! Thank you Anouar for a really great night.

Sponsors for this event were: **AAY's Herbs, Coopers, Bickfords, Fruitalicious, Gaganis Bros, M & J Chickens, Primo Estate, SA Chinese Weekly, Talinga Grove and Wirra Wirra.**



• Anouar in action

Images by John Kruger

Hands on Indulgence with Cocolat

Using only the finest of chocolate, our 'Hands on Indulgence' Cocolat Cooking School was one of total luxury and opulence. Christine Robertson from Cocolat showed participants the intricacies behind some exquisite desserts and treated everyone to tastings of the highest quality of chocolate. Everyone felt very decadent!

Tempered chocolate is one of the secrets behind delicious chocolate products and Christine took participants through this delicate process. She also showed them how to make ganache (a smooth mixture of chopped chocolate and heavy cream) and explained how to flavour the ganache base.

"Christine was amazing and showed us that working with chocolate really is an art," said Cathy Jackson, event organiser. "Participants discovered

there is a lot of skill and talent being a chocolatier as they made exquisite little caramel and chocolate tarts and the little chocolate ganache balls. The end results were really very professional looking and sensational tasting treats.

"The tastings between compound chocolate and couverture chocolate were also very popular – there really is a big difference," added Cathy.

Thank you Christine for sharing your vast experience, and Cocolat for supplying the extremely high quality chocolate for the many different types of chocolate treats created on the night. It was a real privilege to taste chocolate of such quality.

Event sponsors for this cooking school were: **Bickfords, Cocolat, Coopers, Fruitalicious, Gaganis Bros, Primo Estate and Wirra Wirra.**



COCOLAT
Dessert Destination

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Orana staff, volunteers and clients donated their time to run a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Marion. The day was a great success raising \$1700 which will go towards Orana's new respite / holiday house at Victor Harbor.

Orana would like to say a big thank you to our volunteers, Von Hemsley, Wendy Percival, Judith Scheutjens, Pam and Andrew Spencer, Cheryl and James Keane, Greg Hamilton, Cass Magin, Liliana Baker, Damien Reiffel, Keri Brandon, Phill Nottage and Bill Verrall for giving up their Sunday to help out.

Thanks also go to Fruitalicious for donating 25kg of ready chopped onions!

• Exquisite desserts in the making

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