



## NEWSLETTER July 2018

### Chair Report

It has been another busy year at Seeds with far too many achievements to fit here. If I were to choose one highlight, it would be that late last year, Linda and I attended the South Australian Council of Civil Liberties Annual General Meeting to receive their 2017 Human Rights Award in recognition of the work Seeds does in supporting criminalised women. As always, I want to recognise the work of our volunteers who are so generous with their time, to the folks at the Semaphore Uniting Church for allowing us to share their space and to members of the community who continue to support us in this really important work - Michele Jarldorn.

### The Power of Education



Seeds co-founder, Linda Fisk, graduated from the University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Psychological Science. She started her degree as a way of showing women of lived prison experience that it was possible to achieve what they want to, and that anything is possible with the right support and commitment. The whole Seeds community is incredibly proud of her achievements and many were there to celebrate her graduation.

On the same day, Linda's story was aired on national television program, The Project. The feature included footage from Seeds and interviews with some of the women. This was really important for raising awareness about the work of Seeds and the challenges women with lived prison experience face on a daily basis. Watch the story here:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheProjectTV/videos/10155462770778441/?ref=mentions>

### Radio Seeds

Radio Seeds is produced live on community radio station 100.5 WOWfm, 3-4pm on the first Friday of every month. The show is made for and by women of lived prison experience and aims to raise awareness of the challenges they face.



In the first year of broadcasting, the program won the annual "Can't get out of the car" Bilby Excellence in Community Radio Award from the South Australian Community Broadcasters Association. It was also shortlisted for "Best New Talks Show" by the national Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

Recent stories include reports from the new 'Ruby Unit' at Adelaide Women's Prison, discussion on the current overcrowding crisis, and interviews on long-term housing support and the work of the Zahra Foundation helping women to leave violent situations.

To listen, subscribe to our podcast at <https://radioseeds.wordpress.com/>



## International Women's Day

Seeds of Affinity celebrated International Women's Day with Soroptimist International at an event held at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Over 150 people turned out to hear about the work of Seeds and the issues faced by women in prison in South Australia. The presentations included the reasons for founding Seeds of Affinity, the need for a mother and baby unit at Adelaide Women's Prison, and research on the impact of radio made for and by people in prison. The reaction from the audience was amazing with plenty of feedback about how shocked people were to hear about the lack of education opportunities in prison and babies being taken away from their mothers.

## Memberships

Memberships are an essential contribution to support the ongoing work of the organisation. To help us keep on top of the admin, memberships will now be renewed annually in line with the financial year. Check out the 'Get Involved' page of the website:

<http://seedsofaffinity.org.au>

## Quiz Night

Join us at the Port Adelaide Football Club on Friday 13 July at 7pm where we will be holding a fundraising Quiz Night. There will be a silent auction with two framed Port Adelaide Guernsey up for grabs signed by this season's playing team. Bring a team or join a table. There'll be a raffle with some awesome prizes. Tickets \$25pp including tea & coffee with supper provided. Book and purchase tickets here:

[www.trybooking.com/VUJM](http://www.trybooking.com/VUJM)



Stand by for more information on our movie fundraiser at the Odeon Semaphore in September.