

## PARTNERSHIP E-NEWS EDITION

This edition of MarionLIFE's E-News focuses on some of the organisations we connect with for service delivery. MarionLIFE wishes to thank these, and many other, organisations for their partnership in achieving positive outcomes for, and with, local community members.

## POP UP FOODBANK

Foodbank SA is a non-profit, community support network which are committed to seeing a South Australia without hunger. Visit their website for more information [www.foodbanksa.org.au](http://www.foodbanksa.org.au). **MarionLIFE provides vouchers through our Emergency Relief Service** that allow community members in need to access Foodbank SA's Food Hub.

On **Friday 17 March Foodbank SA will be taking their service out to the community** by holding a Pop Up Foodbank where free food (including lots of fresh fruit & veg & bread) will be made available to people who need it most. There will be a free sausage sizzle, a free raffle and the Community Foodies will be attending to provide some healthy snacks as well. **Drop into MarionLIFE**, 887 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park, before the day **to grab a flyer for this event to present at admission.**

### Pop Up Foodbank

**Where:** Cosgrove Hall, 40-50 York Avenue, Clovelly Park

**When:** Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10am to 12noon (or until stock is all distributed)

**Cost:** FREE

**BYO bags**

## UCWB ISHS FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Uniting Care Wesley Bowden's (UCWB) Inner Southern Homelessness Service (ISHS) is a **regional homelessness gateway and service hub**, which facilitates a combination of on-site, community-based and in-home support. Staff are available during business hours to assist people who may be homeless, at risk of losing their tenancy, residing in a boarding house or on a wait list for accommodation.

One day a week a Financial Counsellor from UCWB ISHS works out of MarionLIFE to provide appointments for clients who live locally and are already familiar with the location having accessed other services at MarionLIFE. **Financial Counsellors provide a free, confidential and independent service** that can:

- Suggest ways to improve your financial situation and create a budget
- See if you are eligible for government assistance
- Negotiate repayment arrangements with your creditors
- Explain your options and their consequences, including debt recovery procedures, bankruptcy and other alternatives
- Refer you to other services, for example, a gambling helpline, family support, personal counselling or community legal aid

To book a Financial Counselling appointment at our centre, in the first instance call MarionLIFE on 8277 0304 and we can make a referral into this service.

## UC NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)

If you are living on a low income, purchasing important household items can be hard. **The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) provides interest and fee-free loans for individuals, families or couples** living on a low income. NILS is offered on-site at MarionLIFE, thanks to our partnership with Uniting Communities. Their staff can come out to provide a NILS appointment and have also trained a MarionLIFE volunteer to conduct initial interviews.

**A fee-free loan of up to \$1,200 repayable over 18-24 months is available** for the purchase of household items such as a fridge, washing machine, furniture, computers and more. Eligibility criteria apply and NILS will not cover regular living expenses like bond, rent or utility bills. In the first instance call MarionLIFE on 8277 0304 and we can make a referral into this service.

## BAPTIST CARE FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICE

**Baptist Care SA has a dedicated office at MarionLIFE to provide the Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS).** This service focuses on short term and intensive early intervention, specifically for children, young people and their families. It aims to enhance wellbeing and to prevent, reduce and improve the long term outcomes for vulnerable children and young people at risk of, or affected by mental illness through individual case management and targeted therapeutic group-work.

**The FMHSS works with children, young people and their families** to identify and build on:

- Individual strengths
- Expanding family resources, and
- Developing a great sense of connection to community

Baptist Care SA have also made a Parent Café available at MarionLIFE. **The Parent Café is a free parent support and education group which runs during the school term.** These sessions are a chance for parents to connect with other parents in their local area who may be going through the same, or similar issues with their children. **Bookings are essential.** To enquire about a FMHSS appointment or booking into the Parent Café call Baptist Care's central number on 8118 5240 or contact MarionLIFE on 8277 0304 and our team can make a referral into this service.