

ANGLICARE BUILDS ON TIES WITH ANGLICAN CHURCHES



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CAPTION: Trevor Ament visiting Anglicare's new Franklin Early Learning Centre.

Trevor Ament, General Manager of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, has been appointed Executive Director of Anglicare by the Anglicare Board and Bishop-in-Council. His task is to work with Anglicare's Interim CEO Bishop Stephen Pickard and the Anglicare Board to improve business aspects of the organisation.

Mr Ament has been and will be touring many of Anglicare's 50 plus operational sites, including Anglicare's eleven children's services operations in Canberra and the Southern Tablelands.

His first site visit was to the newly opened Franklin Early Learning Centre in Canberra's north. Mr Ament said building partnerships between Anglicare's child care centres and local Anglican parishes is a high priority for this particular portfolio area.

Currently, the only formal link between an Anglican parish and an Anglicare child care centre is at Calwell in Canberra. Calwell Early Childhood centre is located with the Calwell community centre managed by St Mary in the Valley Anglican Church. The church and child care centre share a receptionist, cleaner and utilities.

"I would like to encourage Canberra parishes interested in building links with our child care centres in Tuggeranong, Belconnen and Gungahlin to contact Jenny Kitchin, our Director of Community Services in the ACT," he said.

Shared corporate services

Bishop Stephen Pickard said another key issue currently being reviewed by Mr Ament is the combining the "back office" functions of Anglicare with those provided by the Diocese.

“The Executive is working through the options for this proposal, with a view to its implementation by the end of this financial year,” Bishop Pickard said. “My role as the Interim Chief Executive of Anglicare will continue until then when the Anglicare Board will confirm the long-term leadership of the organisation.”

A working group is being established, which will include senior management from Anglicare and the Diocese, to progress the details of a shared corporate services structure.