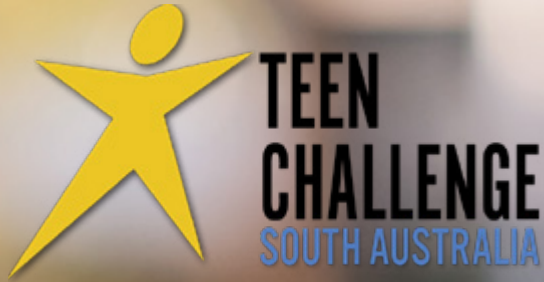


Annual Report 2022-23



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**At Teen Challenge South Australia,
our mission is to powerfully influence
individuals to reach their full potential.
We do this through running a 12-month
residential program that helps men
overcome addiction.**

About us



NO ONE IS BEYOND REACH

Established nearly 60 years ago, Teen Challenge worldwide has 1,400 centres in 129 countries. Our residential program has been one of the largest and most effective substance abuse recovery and prevention programs of its kind. Teen Challenge was founded on the belief that no one is beyond the reach of Jesus Christ. We know through our experience and extensive independent research that our programs work, and through participating in them, it is possible to live a life free from addictions and destructive behaviours.



THE LIVING FREE PROGRAM

We run a 12-month residential rehabilitation program called Living Free. Living Free is designed to support people with life-controlling issues by teaching them new ways of living. Our program is currently for men only, aged 18 and above. Our live-in rehabilitation facility is located in Strathalbyn, South Australia.



A VIBRANT RECOVERY COMMUNITY

Teen Challenge South Australia is a vibrant recovery community with staff available at all times. We are a Christian-based program promoting a biblical approach to recovery and addiction treatment. Many of our clients are not necessarily people of the Christian faith; however, our program caters to clients from many walks of life who are open to our approach.

From our **CEO & Chair**



We are dedicated to our mission of being an impactful Christian-based rehabilitation service in the South Australian community.

Bound by a unified purpose, our focus is to elevate the health and wellbeing of men suffering from addiction. In the past year, we reached important milestones, such as celebrating student baptisms and graduations, extending our community reach through church visits and conferences, and seeing robust growth in our 100&1 Club fundraising initiative.

A landmark achievement has been the installation of a 66kW solar system accompanied by 96kW of battery storage. This significant advancement enhances our long-term sustainability and underscores our commitment to responsible stewardship. We stand humbled by God's grace and the generosity that enabled this critical project, reflecting the biblical truths, 'And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:19), and 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want' (Psalm 23:1).

Our upcoming objectives include serving those struggling with addiction, expanding our team to enhance the breadth of our support services, and offering comfort and hope to the families of those engaged in our programs.

We are grateful for our committed staff, our board for its steadfast governance, and our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and corporate allies for their ongoing support. Your contributions are vital to the impactful work we do.

For those interested in accessing our services or supporting our mission, we welcome you to visit our website, www.teenchallengesa.com, for additional information. Your consistent support is invaluable in advancing Teen Challenge SA's mission.



Year in **review**

14 AVERAGE NUMBER
OF STUDENTS

38.5 AVERAGE AGE

112,416 HOURS OF
SUPPORT

5 NUMBER OF INTERNS

\$47,340 AVERAGE COST
PER STUDENT/
INTERN



Our board

Established in 1982, Teen Challenge South Australia is a not-for-profit organisation governed by a board of directors.



GRAHAM ROSS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Graham has been the executive director of Teen Challenge South Australia since 2006 and is a pastor of the ACC. Graham has provided strategic leadership in the not-for-profit sector, developing housing and disability services for disadvantaged people in the community for over 30 years. He was instrumental in establishing Cornerstone Housing Ltd as a leading community housing provider.



WESLEY CHAPMAN
CHAIR

Wesley is the general manager of Cornerstone Housing Ltd, a non-profit community housing provider. Wesley is an innovative leader with over 20 years of experience in various strategic leadership roles, operating in sectors including professional services, education, retail, resources and industrial supply. His key skill areas include strategy, governance, leadership, finance, and business development.



PETER COBIAC
TREASURER

Peter has worked for Corporate Scorecard since 2003 as deputy chief ratings analyst/project manager in the financial analytics team, providing corporate, financial and risk advisory services to large Australian-based organisations and government departments.



BRENTON BYERLEE
SECRETARY

Brenton is a fourth-generation farmer on the property, Wyndhurst, 30 kilometres north-west of Orroroo in the lower Flinders Ranges. Brenton is managing director of Soil Management Systems, specialising in soil and plant nutrition advice to farmers. He is also a director and on the Board of Australian Biofert Pty Ltd, specialising in custom organic fertilisers.



ADRIANO PETRACCARO
BOARD MEMBER

With more than 20 years of experience in both secular work and Christian ministry, Adriano is motivated by his desire to encourage and support people in their life journey. Adriano has experience in a range of employment, from warehousing to workplace chaplaincy and pastoral ministry. Adriano serves as the senior pastor of Restoration Church, a local ACC church in Strathalbyn.



GREG DONALD
BOARD MEMBER

Greg is the senior pastor of Engage Church Kadina. Greg spent over ten years pastoring in the Northern Territory, where he managed four crisis intervention youth centres, was the senior case manager for incarcerated youth justice juveniles and was the general manager of a mandated residential alcohol treatment centre. Greg graduated from Bible college in 2004. Before this, he graduated from Teen Challenge NSW in 2001.



Program **highlights**

In the past 12 months, we have continued to grow and be fruitful. We had a string of graduations to finish off 2022 and were able to host the Global Teen Challenge Asia Pacific conference earlier this year. God has also continued to speak to the hearts of our students, as we have had many baptisms this past year.

Global Teen Challenge Conference

In March 2023, Teen Challenge SA was privileged to host representatives from more than 30 Teen Challenge centres from the Asia Pacific region. This four-day conference was a great opportunity for our team to meet leadership personnel from other Teen Challenge centres. We were able to worship together and learn about some new material that we can use to help improve our service.

Sober Peer

Sober Peer is an online platform developed in conjunction with Teen Challenge USA. This program uses augmented intelligence to keep track of a student's progression for the time that they are with us and will allow us to tailor our program to the individual. We have recently adopted Sober Peer into the Living Free program, and so far, it has been a great success in giving us a load of data we previously could not gain. We look forward to using Sober Peer to help the students in their recovery.



Studies

Group Studies for New Life and Personal Studies for New Life are curriculums developed by Global Teen Challenge. We have previously used parts of these lessons and studies with our students; however, in the past few years, Global Teen Challenge has revised these lessons, and we are now using updated versions of this curriculum.



Breaking Free

Global Teen Challenge has developed the Breaking Free course, a brand-new curriculum. These booklets are Christ-centered lessons related directly to addiction and the cycles people go through during their addiction. It also provides strategies for students after the Living Free program.



Celebrations

In the past 12 months, we've seen several students give their lives to Christ and get baptised at our facility in Strathalbyn. We have also had seven men complete the 12-month program. Praise God for all the work he is doing in these men!



Fundraising & events



Local church fundraises for TC

Through some encouragement from a fellow pastor, Adriano Petraccaro became a Teen Challenge SA volunteer. 'As with any church organisation, whether big or small, the two challenges that confront everyone are finding volunteers and raising funds. Teen Challenge SA is no exception', he said.

So when the opportunity came to have Emily Korir speak at Strathalbyn Family Church, he saw this as an opportunity to do something not just for his church but also for Teen Challenge SA.

'We decided to put on a dinner, firstly, to help promote Emily's book, but secondly, to raise awareness and funds for Teen Challenge SA, with the added benefit that we could also raise awareness of our church in our local community', said Adriano.

'Being a local church connected to Teen Challenge SA has given our congregation a sense of purpose in offering support and care to the students and the program', said Adriano. '[It] has helped our people look beyond themselves, giving them the opportunity to see God move powerfully in the students' lives.'

The fundraising dinner took place on Saturday 12 November 2022 and featured a three-course meal and silent auction. Unfortunately, guest speaker Emily Korir could not attend due to illness, so Mark Aiston, former Channel 10 sports media personality, stepped in and did an amazing job at such short notice. He also interviewed student Jesse, which was a highlight.

'I would encourage every church to consider getting involved with Teen Challenge SA', said Adriano.



Another successful Ride 4 Rehab

On Saturday 5 November 2022, around 35 avid motorcycle riders gathered at 8.00am at the Teen Challenge administration office in Stepney for this year's annual Ride 4 Rehab fundraiser.

After morning coffee and final registrations, CEO Graham Ross welcomed the riders before the group headed off on its 72-kilometre journey to Strathalbyn.

The group made its way in superb weather conditions up Magill Road to Norton Summit before heading south through the Adelaide Hills to Crafers, Stirling and Aldgate. They ventured onto Meadows for morning tea at Pik A Pie Bakery, where good coffee, delicious pastries and fellowship were the order of the day.

After the hour-long morning break at Meadows, the group then embarked on the final leg of the ride to Strathalbyn, where they finally gathered at the Teen Challenge SA rehabilitation centre. After some group photos, program manager Darren Hiscock offered a warm welcome, followed by the students hosting a BBQ lunch. The morning concluded with several testimonies of recent life-changing experiences and a facility tour.





Global TC leaders gather in SA

In March, Teen Challenge SA assisted in hosting the 2023 Global Teen Challenge Asia Pacific Conference.

It was an encouraging and inspiring time, with attendees savouring the fellowship after being unable to meet in person for the past three years. Most of the conference was held at the beautiful Stamford Plaza Adelaide, with the delegates also visiting our Living Free Centre and local churches during their stay in Adelaide.

Global Teen Challenge has approximately 1400 affiliate centres across 129 nations, with the ministry continuing to grow worldwide in line with the original vision and burden given to David Wilkinson.



A key message that flowed throughout the conference was the centrality of the gospel and the stewarding of the original Teen Challenge DNA across all centres and services.

During the conference, Bernie and Cathy Gillot (Teen Challenge Global Evangelism Coordinators) and the Cornerstone Housing SA Band led attendees in refreshing times of worship and praise. Directors from more than a dozen Asia Pacific nations gave testimonies and reports about the work God is doing in freeing men and women from the devastating effects of addiction.

Global Teen Challenge Asia Pacific Directors Jim and Kathy Lowans and Global Training Coordinator Gregg Fischer led sessions on the DNA of Teen Challenge, service accreditation, Sober Peer (web-based recovery software), and group and personal studies for New Life (updated Teen Challenge curriculum).

These conference sessions were highly valued and are expected to help shape the ongoing development of local Teen Challenge services over the coming months and years.

A highlight was the shared time of fellowship held at the Teen Challenge SA Chapel.

Graham Ross shared an inspirational testimony of God's faithfulness and providence in housing the men's Living Free program in its current residence. The delegates were amazed and delighted to see evidence of God's love and provision for the men served by Teen Challenge in SA.

It was wonderful to meet with other Teen Challenge delegates from across the region, learn of each other's cultures and experiences and be reminded about how much we have in common in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a privilege to be called together to serve in such a wonderful ministry.



Regional centres



Mannum

Teen Challenge Mannum is a Christian youth drop-in centre run by volunteers.

Teen Challenge Mannum has continued with its usual activities over the past year, being an active part of the community, most notably through fortnightly Friday evening dinner, games and discussion nights, an annual camp, and other activities, such as bowling.

Find out more about Teen Challenge Mannum by visiting its Facebook page (@Teen Challenge Mannum).

Murray Bridge

Teen Challenge Murray Bridge provides emergency food relief, counselling, Turning Point courses on grief and loss, depression, eating disorders and anger, and generally being available to listen to struggling people.

Year in review

2,422

Total amount of people

454


Food parcels

1,522

Bakery items

156

New people



'I knew deep down that no matter how bad my life had become, [taking my own life] was not the answer. I stepped back off the bridge and walked away.'

DAVID'S STORY

A bright and successful future

I never thought I would ever do drugs, let alone get addicted to them. I grew up in a Christian home with good parents and a supportive family.

I was always a keen sportsman, but I had to let go of my dream of playing professional football when I sustained a serious injury. My world was shattered – I was told I wouldn't play again without surgery.

This created a void in my life, and I began seeking ways to fill the empty space. The first time I took hard drugs was in a nightclub, and I knew, from that time on, I had found something I loved. Eventually, I found myself drinking or smoking weed regularly.

From 19, I became a fully functional drug addict, partying, drinking and taking drugs every day. By the time I graduated from university, my addictions and mental health were so bad I struggled to find employment, which turned me towards using drugs more intensely.

By 25, I was heavily into the drug world, and my life revolved around getting drugs and being high. I became alienated from my friends and family, and my life was becoming unmanageable. I was getting into serious legal problems for drug possession, brawls and driving offences.

It all came to a head when I was involved in a car crash while driving without a driver's


licence. The maximum penalty was 18 months in prison. I couldn't believe how reckless I had become; my life was in ruins.

I finally decided to take my own life by jumping off a bridge into oncoming traffic. As I sat on the edge of the bridge, watching cars drive underneath my feet, I started to see how wrong this decision was. I knew deep down that this was wrong and that no matter how bad my life had become, this was not the answer. In a moment of sanity, I stepped back off the bridge and walked away.

That same night, I got evicted from my house. I couldn't believe the timing. Having narrowly escaped a suicide attempt, I was now looking at homelessness. The next day, I called an old friend and asked if I could stay with him until I got on my feet. He asked if I knew anything about Teen Challenge SA. After explaining how the rehab worked, I knew it was time to take action and do something serious about my addictions.

I have now completed the program. For the first time in years, I am looking at a bright and successful future.

Teen Challenge SA has provided me with everything I need for recovery. My relationship with God kept me alive in those years, and he has led me here to recover my life. I owe my life to Teen Challenge SA and the people who make this place work.

A photograph of two men standing side-by-side. The man on the left is wearing a black puffer jacket and is holding a framed certificate that reads 'Jesse Peillon'. The man on the right is wearing a dark grey button-down shirt and is holding a wooden plaque with a star emblem and a banner. Both men are smiling. The background shows an indoor setting with a stone wall and a wooden chair.

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of rehab and
relapse.*

JESSE'S STORY

Prison or rehab

I grew up in a poor household with my four other siblings, my father and my mother. My childhood was filled with child abuse and hatred for each other. At the age of four, I was spending my days on the doorsteps of the pokies. There was never any food in the house because all the money went straight to the pokies.

We ended up homeless, living in a van, going from car park to car park. I started missing school every day and hanging out with the other homeless kids as I was always too scared to go home. I started smoking cigarettes and weed daily, which soon rolled over to meeting gang members in the park, where we would do odd favours for them, and in return, they would feed us amphetamines. Life crumbled out of control quickly. I was a reckless mess. By age 15, I was on all party drugs and trips, but one night, I met the love of my life: methamphetamine.

Now homeless again, I thought moving into my dealer's house was a brilliant idea. As the years went on, I withered away to 52 kilograms. At the age of 21, I was introduced to needles and, wow, did I not know how much deeper I could fall with my addiction.

Within the year, I faced some serious criminal charges, but for some reason, the judge must have seen how broken I was and offered

me two choices: prison or rehab. My ears pricked up, thinking I could use this rehab opportunity as a get-out-of-jail-free card.

I went into rehab, hating everyone and everything in this world. I mocked my way through the stay for six months until I met a man named Simon. He prayed with me for reconnection with my father. And that very night, my father called the rehab, wanting to visit me on the weekend. After that night, I started to attend Bible studies and eventually asked the question of how to ask Jesus into my life. That night, I got on my hands and knees and prayed for Jesus to touch my heart and forgive me for all the wrongs I had done in my life. At that moment, all those heavy burdens I was carrying lifted off me, and love touched my heart for the very first time as I fell and cried for hours.

After I left rehab, I completed my Certificate IV in Youth Work, but I wasn't clean because I drank every night. Before I knew it, I was back on the needle. Five years passed, and I was stuck in this endless cycle of rehab and relapse – until I found out about Teen Challenge SA. During my 12 months in the program, I've learned to love myself and forgive not just myself but everyone. I am currently 18 months clean and getting stronger every day. To have all of the trauma that has kept me in addiction for 15 years washed clean by the blood of Jesus brings me to tears.



JAMES' STORY

Death to life



When I arrived at Teen Challenge South Australia, I was completely broken. I was homeless, living in a tent on the Murray River in the middle of winter, planning my suicide. Seventeen years of addiction had landed me in this situation. Planning my death was the only thing that would bring me peace. It made being homeless bearable. It didn't matter how broken my life was because I was dead anyway.

One freezing night under my sleeping bag, I was running through my plan. I pulled the sleeping bag off my head, and there was the shadow of a perfect cross on the side of my tent, made by the moonlight and a tree shadow. I didn't know God; he wasn't in my life, and I just stared at this cross. I felt like praying but had never prayed before. I prayed for strength. I prayed to God to get me through this. I thought God would just laugh at me because I didn't know him.

In the morning, I heard a church bell ringing. I thought, if I ever go to church, this is the time, so I ran towards the sound. At the end of the service, a couple behind me asked me to come to their home for lunch. They helped me understand who God is, and when I read the Bible, I was amazed at the love and grace I found inside – the truth, hope and peace I'd spent years looking for was here.

I spent three weeks with new hope and peace. I was still homeless, living in a tent, but I had found some work and thought I would

turn things around until a tax return landed from my previous employment. I blew it – lost it all in one night! How could this happen? I was homeless and still struggling with this addiction.

‘The truth, hope and peace I’d spent years looking for was here ... I am barely a seed in the ground, but now I’m on good soil.’

I went to John and Jenny and told them what had happened. Sitting on the table in their home was a Teen Challenge SA newsletter. They handed it to me, and I applied that night. Two weeks later, I arrived at the rehab. Teen Challenge SA is life-changing. God has been able to do more in my life in 8 months than I could in 17 years.

I believed once, prayed once, and God answered more abundantly than I could ever imagine. I encourage you to read Ephesians 2:8 and Psalm 40:1,2.

I was baptised on 10 December 2022. I am barely a seed in the ground, but now I'm on good soil. I am learning to rely on God's strength, not my own.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| Interest received | 1,970 | 100 |
| Donations | 633,293 | 558,497 |
| Rents received | 630 | 12,231 |
| Other income | 44,326 | 24,167 |
| Program fees | 283,173 | 247,610 |
| Wage subsidy | - | 9,091 |
| Grants | 4,545 | 5,545 |
| Total income | 967,937 | 857,241 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Accountancy/audit fees | 2,700 | 2,700 |
| Advertising and promotion | 27,704 | 33,067 |
| Bank fees and charges | 4,095 | 5,547 |
| Cleaning/rubbish removal | 9,749 | 7,149 |
| Consultants fees | 27,150 | 35,630 |
| Computer and software costs | 3,927 | 3,921 |
| Depreciation | 25,642 | 22,183 |
| Fees and permits | 1,996 | 1,469 |
| Insurance | 29,974 | 24,287 |
| Interest paid | 34,038 | 23,381 |
| Legal fees | 12,000 | 1,181 |
| Meeting expenses | - | 394 |
| Motor vehicle expenses | 37,946 | 30,460 |

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Minor plant and equipment | 11,163 | 4,485 |
| Printing and stationery | 7,631 | 8,627 |
| Program expenses | 78,763 | 62,099 |
| Rates and land taxes | 14,236 | 15,629 |
| Rent on land and buildings | 6,940 | 6,687 |
| Registration and memberships | 20,421 | 11,960 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 21,579 | 17,964 |
| Security | 3,465 | 4,203 |
| Service fees (electricity, gas, etc) | 58,278 | 62,228 |
| Staff amenities and training | 3,630 | 1,962 |
| Superannuation | 39,718 | 35,525 |
| Telephone | 13,687 | 14,171 |
| Wages | 389,103 | 363,201 |
| WorkCover costs | 9,415 | 6,069 |
| Volunteers cost | 4,513 | 1,571 |
| Total expenses | 899,465 | 807,750 |
| Surplus (deficit) from ordinary activities | 68,472 | 49,491 |
| Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association | 68,472 | 49,491 |
| Total changes in equity of the association | 68,472 | 49,491 |
| Opening retained surplus | 1,457,056 | 1,407,565 |
| Net surplus (deficit) attributable to the association | 68,472 | 49,491 |
| Closing retained surplus | 1,525,528 | 1,457,056 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash assets | 767,875 | 816,343 |
| Prepayments | 10,217 | 34,612 |
| Current tax assets | 912 | 238 |
| Total current assets | 779,004 | 851,193 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 2,835,129 | 2,701,310 |
| Total non-current assets | 2,835,129 | 2,701,310 |
| Total assets | 3,614,133 | 3,552,503 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Payables | 9,791 | 3,434 |
| Other | 4,514 | 5,628 |
| Total current liabilities | 14,305 | 9,062 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities | 1,642,451 | 1,663,928 |
| Provisions | 52,970 | 43,578 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,695,421 | 1,707,506 |
| Total liabilities | 1,709,726 | 1,716,568 |
| Net assets | 1,904,407 | 1,835,935 |
| Association funds | | |
| Reserves | 378,879 | 378,879 |
| Retained surplus | 1,525,528 | 1,457,056 |
| Total association funds | 1,904,407 | 1,835,935 |



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