

# Investor Returns



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**'Thuruna' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'together by the sea' and an apt name for the picturesque Uniting Venues campsite at Tumby Bay on Eyre Peninsula. Thuruna Campsite provides an idyllic place for school groups, weddings and families among many others to come together and enjoy the surroundings 'together by the sea'.**

Given its stunning location and proximity to the ocean it is no surprise that Thuruna is committed to conserving the area around it to ensure the that the sea, plants and wildlife continue to be enjoyed by site visitors and locals for years to come.

In line with UC Invest's dedication to build a more sustainable future, we are pleased to support Thuruna's recent conservation project.

Partnering with the local Council, over four days teams of volunteers, including a group of school children, helped plant over 300 native seedlings. It is hoped that the seedlings will take hold and assist in protecting the sand dunes on the public land in front of the campsite. The seedlings are protected from rabbits and foot traffic with temporary fencing. The team at Thuruna look forward to seeing the seedlings take hold and to expanding their conservation efforts in the future.

Bench seating has also been built around the new cross on the campsite making it the perfect space for outdoor weddings and other outdoor gatherings.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THURUNA VISIT [WWW.THURUNA.COM.AU](http://WWW.THURUNA.COM.AU).**



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# Welcome to our summer edition of Investor Returns

**Didn't 2015 fly by? It's summer and the calendar year has finished. At UC Invest we are reviewing the 2015 year, with attention now on the annual accounts and external audit to ensure our numbers are correct and verified. Thank you for supporting us, and I hope you will continue to in 2016. We are committed to offering good service and competitive rates in 2016.**

Your support has tangible benefit to the Uniting Church here in South Australia and further afield, as you may have read throughout the year in this publication.

This edition has a couple of environmental stories, which have been only possible due to you. UC Invest was able to offer grant money to the Thuruna Camp Site, to provide finance to go with the hard work of vegetating the area in

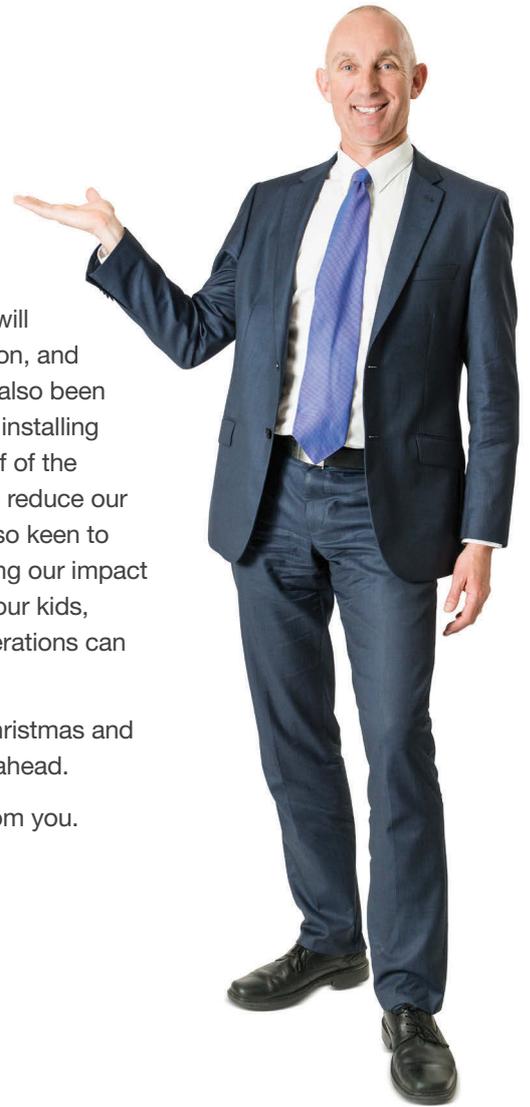
front of the campsite. This will assist in reducing soil erosion, and beautify the area. We have also been able to start the process of installing 400 solar panels on the roof of the Pirie Street Synod office, to reduce our electricity usage. We are also keen to find other ways of minimising our impact on our beautiful planet, so our kids, neighbours and future generations can enjoy and thrive here.

Hope you had a fulfilling Christmas and are excited about the year ahead.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Paul*

Paul Barnett



## Turn On the Sun

**We are proud to announce that UC Invest has taken another step in our ongoing effort to operate more sustainably. We will be reducing our energy consumption and green house emissions thanks to the installation of a 100kw solar panel system on the roof of our Pirie Street building.**

With 400 panels on the roof working hard to generate electricity we will be providing power to the air conditioning system and

lifts of the building. We estimate that the new solar panels will save around \$35,000 per annum on power which is a fantastic saving for UC Invest, our investors and of course the environment.

We're looking forward to the hot, sunny summer days ahead so we can get the panels working to full capacity. UC Invest Manager, Paul Barnett explains;

*"UC Invest is committed to reducing our carbon footprint. This is another step in the right direction. We look forward to lower expenses and making a positive impact on the environment. We are also looking at our current lighting and energy usage and are keen to make further changes which will decrease the amount of carbon emitted from our location."*





Putting competition winner - Ken with Gold sponsor from FIIG Peter Curtin.



Hole in Onesie Fun Hole. Westpac Team

## Charity Golf Day takes a swing at poverty

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS WE MANAGED TO RAISE \$10,000.00 FOR UNITINGCARE WESLEY PORT ADELAIDE'S 'HANG IT UP FOR POVERTY' PROGRAM.

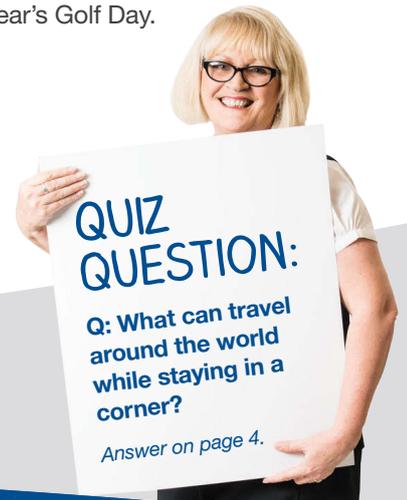


UC Invest's annual Golf Day was held at Grange Golf Club on 16th October 2015. Sixty players hit the course for an Ambrose round. Along with a great time, some fantastic shots, and our first ever hole in one, (Peter Curtin from FIIG), we were able to raise some much needed funds.

'Hang it Up for Poverty' provides support and assistance to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. The program assists in many ways from groceries, money towards bills, providing household essentials, uniforms for school children, motel accommodation for young people on the street and

even rental bond. The program also conducts clothing drives to collect new and recycled clothes. They then give out clean, recycled clothing to the homeless and people with very low income or those that have fallen on hard times.

UC Invest is proud to contribute to such a worthy cause, and we look forward to next year's Golf Day.



## The spirit of Christmas shines in the face of adversity

Recent fires in South Australia have had an enormous impact on families and communities in fire affected areas.

One Tree Hill Uniting Church and UCare Gawler are putting together hampers for families and individuals who have experienced the devastation of the fires. UC Invest is proud it can assist their efforts with an \$8,000 grant.

UCare Gawler is a community organisation in the UnitingCare network, providing emergency assistance to those in the Gawler region. The recent Pinery bushfires saw UCare Gawler undertake

one of their biggest relief efforts to date.

They moved quickly into action with 15 volunteers cooking food, packing boxes and sharing clothes with people who lost everything.

"Gawler is on the southern fringe of the Pinery bushfire area. Many have lost much, some have lost everything. UCare is providing emergency relief for many families. We also provide over 400 Christmas hampers to our clients each year. This year we will need to add hampers for many victims of the bushfire who would not otherwise have received one. Thanks to UC Invest for the funding that will enable us to stretch our Christmas hamper program to cover all these." – Richard Carter, CEO, UCare Gawler.



Ingrid, Humbug Scrub Animal Rescue Manager and local coordinator for the Target and Uniting Care Christmas Appeal, is helping pack hampers at One Tree Hill Uniting Church. She has her own experiences to draw on. Her home, while still standing, was gravely affected by the Sampson Flat fire in January. Many animals were lost and the area decimated by the blaze.

OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION TO CARE FOR OTHERS. THAT IS THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!

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**ANSWER:**

A stamp.



## Achieving your goals in 2016

The start of each year is often a time to reflect on the past 12 months and many seek to make a New Year's Resolution. We understand that enthusiasm can wane in the first few weeks or months, so we thought we'd jot down some handy tips to help keep you on track!

### TIP 1 - CHOSE SOMETHING YOU ARE GENUINELY PASSIONATE ABOUT.

A noble pursuit such as 'read more' may seem like a good idea but if you're not really that passionate about reading maybe this isn't the goal of you. Or you could reframe the goal to be 'find an author or genre that I am interested in'. Linking the goal to something you already care about may give you the extra motivation needed.

### TIP 2 - WORK TOGETHER

It's much easier to stay motivated when you have someone encouraging you along the way. Setting a goal with a family member,

partner or friend means you can both support each other and give each other a nudge when motivation starts to wane. Plus it's much more fun and gives you another reason to spend time together!

### TIP 3 - TAKE IT STEP BY STEP

Many of us set a big goal meant to last for the whole year but then get disheartened when in February we haven't achieved it yet. Breaking up your big goal into mini goals can help you set realistic timeframes and give you that sense of achievement along the way. For example if your goal is to spend more time outdoors, spend some time researching walks in your area and thinking about other fun activities you can do outside and then pop them in your diary. Hang the list on your fridge and tick them off as you go along.

### TIP 4 - REWARD YOURSELF

The feeling of achievement can be a reward in itself but for that extra boost plan rewards for yourself whenever you tick off one of your mini goals. Ticked off five outdoor activities, maybe it's time to get that new pair of running shoes you've been wanting. Are you doing really well with your reading? Time to treat yourself to a movie. Be creative.

Whatever your resolution, we wish you well. Good luck and happy 2016!

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Bethany & Caitlyn, Residential Tutors, Lincoln College



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