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New Kids on the Block (Part 1)

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Settling into Murray Bridge has been a very pleasant experience. This is due to the extraordinary people that we've come across so far.



A number of these folk, and the communities they work with will feature heavily in the Big Stories project, so here's a quick introduction to a few of the people and places we've come across.

Jen has been hanging out with Mac Hayes. Mac straddles three worlds often seen as very separate – Biker, Aboriginal and Church communities.

We first met Mac back in April when he was running the Nunga gym.



He's since taken up a job running a residential based rehab program for the Aboriginal Sobriety Group called *Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal, Ngarrindjeri* for *Healing Place for the Spirit*.

At LTW we've begun working with both staff and clients supporting them to create their own video letters.



Congratulations to Kelvin who finished the first video letter in time for his graduation.



THE LONGRIDERS



Through Mac we've met the Longriders, a Christian Motorcycle Club who have many connections within the outlaw biker community.

Mac feels at times he identifies more closely with the 1%ers (as outlaw motorcycle clubs are known) than the Church.

As Mac says – “personally I don't consider myself religious, we are a group of believers on a journey of faith”



The Longriders have had a tough run in the local press, but to our close observations, they have soft hearts and do good work. Just check out founding father Graeme “Bonny” Gibson’s pride of Australia medal for his 30 + years of community work.



As one of the nominees says— ‘the reason I’m here... they don’t just talk the talk, they walk the walk’.

Part 2 to follow!



Aaron says Grace, before the Sunday BBQ

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