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## Catholic Social Services Victoria

Newsletter May 2012

### CSSV Events

#### May

##### Thursday 10

Mission Network. Enquiries to [dfitzgerald@css.org.au](mailto:dfitzgerald@css.org.au)

##### Friday 11

'Making Room at the Inn'  
Forum on Asylum Seekers.  
Details this page.

#### June

**Tuesday 26-** Mental Health - 'Enabling Social Inclusion'. Details to follow soon.

#### July

##### Tuesday 17

Breakfast Briefing "the use of social media to solve personal problems.

##### Tuesday 31

"Understanding and Navigating the Mental Health System" – 2<sup>nd</sup> in a 2012 series.

#### August

##### Friday 24

CSSV Annual Dinner. [Click here](#) for details and booking.

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The Church recently celebrated **Good Shepherd Sunday**.

The Good Shepherd is one of the best known images of Jesus. It was the most common of the symbolic representations of Christ in the early catacombs in Rome (see picture, from the ceiling of the S. Callisto catacomb, 3rd century AD), and remains strong to this day.

The scriptural basis of this image is broad. The Prophet Ezekiel, among others, built on the common image of the king as shepherd. He wrote of the Lord taking back his sheep from the rulers of Israel:

*I shall look for the lost one,  
Bring back the stray, bandage the injured  
and make the sick strong,  
I shall watch over the fat and the healthy  
I shall be a true shepherd to them.* (Ezekiel 34:16).



[Click here](#) for a Catholic Social Services reflection on the Good Shepherd and the heritage of service under that name in Victoria.

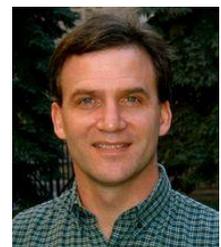
### CSSV events and developments

**Friday 11 May, 9.00am – 3.30pm - Forum on Asylum Seekers**

**Responding to the needs of Asylum Seekers in our community**

Many parts of the Catholic Church in Victoria are responding to the needs of Asylum Seekers in our community, but we all know that more can be done. Catholic Social Services Victoria is inviting people from member agencies, schools, parishes and Catholic health care to join us for a day of sharing information and experiences, and building networks and partnerships within the Church in Victoria:

- Listen to experiences of asylum seekers
- Respond to Catholic Social Teaching and the call to action
- Share information on the current response of the Church – agencies, parishes, schools, etc.
- Strengthen networks and contacts to expand current programs
- Input from Fr Daniel Groody, CSC [pictured] on Catholic Social Teaching
- leadership from Bishop Vincent Long.



**Venue:** Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne

**Cost:** Donation at door

**Enquiries:** Lucia Brick, [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au) or tel: 9287 5566

[Click here](#) for flyer.



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## Tuesday 17 July – Breakfast Briefing

“Understanding the use of social media to solve personal problems”, with guest speaker Professor Ruth Webber of Australian Catholic University (*pictured*). More information to come.



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## Friday 24 August – 2012 CSSV Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner is an opportunity for the broad Catholic social services community, our supporters and those that we work with to celebrate our work, and to strengthen the links between those who are active within our community of service. Politicians are invited, and spouses are most welcome.



We are delighted this year to have [Chris Lowney](#) (*pictured*) as our guest speaker. Chris is author of the best seller *Heroic Leadership*, which distils leadership principles from the first decades of the Jesuit order. His *Heroic Living* applies the principles of Ignatian spirituality to everyday life in the modern world.

A feature of last year's dinner was increased interaction between tables. We will be working to enhance that aspect of the dinner again this year.

Tickets are \$80 (with thanks to our sponsors for helping us keep costs down). Enquiries to [lucia.brick@css.org.au](mailto:lucia.brick@css.org.au)

[Click here](#) for flyer and booking information.

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## Protecting real budget priorities

The **Victoria State budget** on Tuesday 1 May was a mixed package for vulnerable sections of the community, with some positive new allocations on out-of-home care and indexation of 2.5% for salaries in programs funded by the Department of Human Services, but with reductions in real terms in most other areas of social services.

Housing outlays, which target Victorians most in need of housing support, fell 6% when adjusted for price and population changes. This coincided with the release of two discussion papers as part of the Government's consultation on its housing strategy. Catholic Social Services Victoria will be consulting with members in participating in this consultation – [Denis Fitzgerald](#) is the contact here.

Spending on the **criminal justice system** was focused on expensive new prison capacity. Although crime rates in Victoria are generally down over the last decade, our prison population is moving steadily towards an all-time high of 5,000 adults, which creates a need for increased prison capacity. Catholic Social Services Victoria has joined other community sector and church groups in calling on the Government to invest in preventative and rehabilitative measures that will make Victoria both safe and just, in a cost effective way. [Click here](#) for a pre-budget submission on effective criminal justice expenditures from the Interchurch Criminal Justice Taskforce.

**BUDGET**  
**2012**

Among the news items preceding the 8 May Federal Budget one of the most welcome was the bipartisan acceptance of the **National Disability Insurance Scheme** proposal, together with solid buy-in from the Victorian Government.

We would be happy to assist members with any queries about details of the Victorian budget, or of the Federal Budget that will be announced on 8 May.

## Effective client access to Public Transport.

Following a steady stream of representations from across the community sector, the Transport Ticketing Authority have moved announced that Day Pass paper tickets will be made available in bulk

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to community and welfare organisations to assist their clients in attending a range of appointments. This goes a significant way towards plugging a serious gap in services that would otherwise have resulted from the full rollout of the MYKI card system.

Issues still remain. Special arrangements will be needed for people who cannot manage a card, and bulk purchase arrangements are still to be negotiated. The contact person for comments or for queries is Zoe Dyson: [zoe.dyson@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:zoe.dyson@transport.vic.gov.au)

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### Parliamentary enquiry into handling of child abuse

On 17 April, the Victorian Government announced a Parliamentary Committee Enquiry into the 'handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations.' The Committee is to report by 30 April 2013.

A number of CSSV member organisations could be asked for information, and all of us will be affected by the personal stories and the issues that are likely to receive extensive media coverage.

We hope and pray that this Enquiry will assist those who have suffered and help prevent further abuse. It will be an opportunity for the Church as a whole to acknowledge the sufferings that have been caused, to ensure that a fully pastoral response has been made, and to gain external review of all that is now in place to prevent further abuse.

CSSV will be monitoring the review, and can provide information to members on procedures, etc – contact [Denis Fitzgerald](#), or tel 9287 5569.

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### Workshop on Induction for Mission

Thanks to John Daly from Jesuit Social Services and Livia Carusi from the St Vincent de Paul Society for leading a workshop on Monday 16 April on ways of integrating mission into the induction process. The 30 participants from across the sector found it very useful to their thinking on induction, and in making links with people from whom they can continue to learn and to gain support. A report on the day will be on our website soon.

### National not-for-profit reform

Thanks to Paul O'Callaghan from Catholic Social Services Australia for his Breakfast Briefing on Friday 13 April on the topic of the national NFP reform agenda. Thanks too to Micaela Cronin for her Response, and to all who participated on the day. The breakfast drew a high level of interest and involvement. One follow up has been the distribution of Paul's briefing notes on these issues to breakfast participants, so that they can follow up with MPs and Senators to try to impact on the deficiencies of current draft legislation on taxation issues.



### Forum on Fundraising

Thanks to the presenters and discussion leaders at our 30 April 2012 fundraising forum: Ralph Roath, Director of Development and Fundraising at CatholicCare; Trish Roath, Head of Philanthropy at the Australian Ballet School; and Barbara Kitchen, Director of the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



Ralph and Trish presented on Capital Appeals- click [here](#) for slides. Barbara presented on accessing Trusts and Foundations – click [here](#) for slides. Barbara also made available papers on useful [references and websites](#); and two other discussions of fundraising – click here for the [first](#) and the [second](#) of these.

Both presentations stimulated informative discussion, and, as is often the case, the links established between the 20+ participants

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from a range of professional and organisational backgrounds were a strong feature of the morning.

An evaluation of the session is underway. Comments or suggestions relating to future workshops on this theme can be made to [Denis Fitzgerald](#).

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## Sector Developments and Events



*Congratulations* to Centacare Ballarat Director, David Beaver, who has been appointed as chair of the new **Headspace youth mental health facility**, to be based in Ballarat. This is one of 15 new Headspace Centres to be opened across the country as part of a national expansion of the program.

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**Thursday 24 May 2012**

### **CatholicCare's Heavenly Gala Ball**

[Click here](#) for information and bookings.



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**Communities in Control Conference, 28, 29 May**

[Click here](#) for brochure and details of this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary 'Festival of Thinking, Inspiration and Ideas', on the theme of *Community Groups at the Crossroads*.

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### **St Vincent de Paul Society 'Social Justice in the City Presentations'**

**Venue:** St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room. Please feel free to bring along your colleagues and friends ... **everyone is welcome.**

**Wednesday, 30 May 12.00 midday**

Sr Margaret Mary Flynn IBVM, Australian Leader of the Loreto sisters and 2010 Business Woman of the Year. *Sr Margaret Mary will discuss her innovative work in responding to the needs of some of the most disadvantaged women and indigenous communities.*

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**Wednesday, 27 June - Robert Fitzgerald AM, Productivity Commissioner**



**12 June 2012: Vinnies CEO Sleepout**, [Click here](#) for information, or to register for this annual fundraising and awareness raising event.

(You can also sponsor Denis Fitzgerald, who is participating again in 2012. To do this, please visit <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/donate/online-donation/> - note that, in the section labelled 'donate to', you need to click 'CEO', and then choose 'Victoria', and then choose 'Denis Fitzgerald'. )



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**Tuesday 16 October**

**lunchtime ecumenical liturgy** – details tba

**Wednesday 17 October, 2012**

**Human Rights Matters!** An all-day conference at the Cardinal Knox Centre, details tba.

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## News and research service from Catholic Social Services Australia



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