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CSSV Events 2013

March

Wednesday 6 March
Breakfast Briefing – Kevin Andrews MP: “a more Just & Compassionate Society: the Role of Marriage ” 7.15am for 7.30am start.

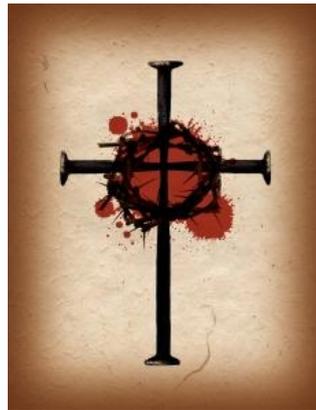
Friday 8 March
“assisting people in the workplace who are affected by **family violence**” **Workshop**.
9.00am – 12.00

Thursday 14 March
CSSV **Commissioning Mass & AGM** –
commencing 4.30pm

April
Tuesday 23
Formation in **Catholic Social Teaching**
Workshop
9.00am – 1.00pm

May
Friday 24
Indigenous Workshop
Details to be advised

July
Friday 26
Annual Dinner, at Leonda



Ash Wednesday, on 13 February, marks the start of Lent, a time of fasting and repentance leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

As a Church, we have much to repent about. As Catholic Social Services Victoria works with its members in addressing the various dimensions of the child sexual abuse scandal, we are very conscious of the call to humility that echoes through the scriptures, alongside the call to work for justice.

May the prayer and reflection that are an integral part of Lent strengthen all of us in our commitment to provide a safe environment for everyone that we encounter, and to do what we can to assuage the pain of those who have suffered at the hands of Church personnel.

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Policy and advocacy updates

The widening gap in the criminal justice system: [Click here](#) for an article in *Kairos* of 17 February 2013 that applauds the Victorian Government's target of eliminating by 2031 the gap in incarceration rates between Aboriginal non-Aboriginal people, but notes that the gap has in fact widened in recent years. CSSV calls on the Government to take responsibility for meeting these laudable targets, which will require a lot of hard work, additional resources and policy changes.



The **Interchurch Gambling Taskforce** has issued a policy document *Measures to Reduce Gambling Harm 2012 - 2016*. Measures urged for Victoria include reducing venue operating hours, and the introduction of a 'duty of care' which would require gambling providers to take responsibility for the gambling services that they provide. Catholic Social Services Victoria is a member of the taskforce.

The Catholic Church marks 1 January as **World Day of Peace**. [Click here](#) for a reflection on 'Blessed are the Peacemakers' the message from Pope Benedict XVI for World Day of Peace 2013. May all of us respond to the gift of peace - peace with our God, interior peace, and peace with our neighbours and with all creation.

2013 Conference on the impact of mission and identity

LISTENING, LEARNING AND LEADING:

The impact of Catholic identity and mission on what we do and how we do it

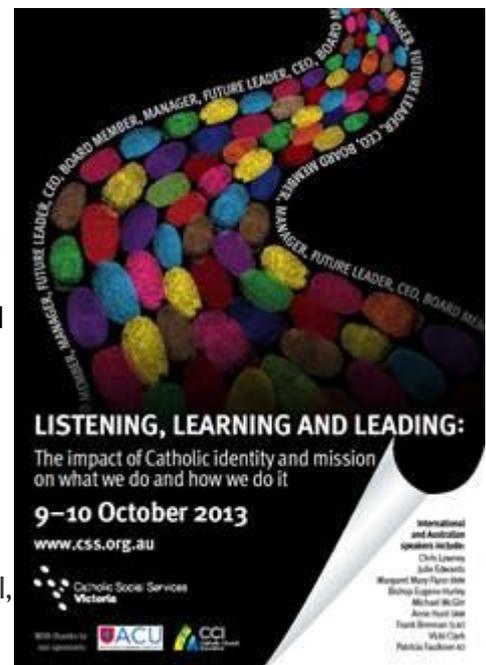
A conference on 9, 10 October 2013, in Melbourne.

The conference is targeted at leaders - including CEOs and Board members - and future leaders in Catholic social services. Participants beyond the social services sector, and from other faith traditions, are welcome to join us.

It is designed to inspire, challenge and resource around mission-focused leadership, with an emphasis on practical implications for leaders and organisations.

[Click here](#) for early bird bookings for this event.

[Click here](#) for an introduction to key conference personnel, many of whom are well known to the Catholic social services community, including Chris Lowney, writer and speaker on principles of leadership and on personal growth for leadership, drawing on the tradition of St Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits.



With thanks to conference sponsors:



CSSV Staff Developments

In October 2012 CSSV farewelled **Terry O'Shannassy** (at left), from his role as Member Support and Projects Co-ordinator over the past four years. Terry brought to this role a wealth of experience and commitment to those on the margins of society. He has ably fulfilled his role with energy, foresight and generosity. Our thanks to Terry, for his great gift of networking and his ability to articulate and creatively follow through on so many important welfare issues and projects over his time at Catholic Social Services Victoria.

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We welcome **Peter Hudson** (at right) onto the team to continue in this role and bring to it his experience and energy as educator, missionary and human resource professional. Peter has spent the past three years as Director of Staff Services at Xavier College, Kew. Peter is a former Christian Brother who was one of the pioneering community to East Africa in 1988 where he spent over a decade in establishing the mission in education, formation, health and development projects.



Catholic Social Services Victoria resources and events



In a faith-based mission-driven organisation, leaders and staff need to learn and develop to enable them to play their part in making the mission come alive. A new [section of our website](#) now presents resources to enable such '**Engaging with Mission**'. These resources relate to recruitment, induction, leadership formation, and deeper engagement. Any feedback on this material, or ideas for further development of this

repository, would be most welcome: contact [Peter Hudson](#), tel 9287 5570.

CSSV forthcoming events



Wednesday 6 March

Breakfast Briefing “Building a more Just & Compassionate Society: the Role of Marriage in Australia Today” 7.15am for 7.30am start. Guest Speaker: The Hon Kevin Andrews, MP. For details [click here](#). Enquiries: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or e: lucia.brick@css.org.au

Friday 8 March

[Workplace Awareness Workshop: 9.00am – 12.00.](#)

Two thirds of women who have experienced family violence are in the workforce and many are at risk of losing their jobs, sliding into homelessness and poverty as a result. As employers, we can all play our part in breaking this cycle.

Catholic Social Services in conjunction with McAuley Community Services for Women invite you to an interactive Forum that will highlight the McAuley Works Program and provide an insight into family violence as a workplace issue.



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Our Commissioning Mass and Annual General Meeting, 14 March 2013

- 4.30 Commissioning Mass, at All Saints Church, Fitzroy
- 5.30 Annual General Meeting, at all Saints Hall
- 6.30 Refreshments, at St Mary's House of Welcome, Brunswick St, Fitzroy

Guest Speaker at the AGM will be Cath Garner, Executive Director, Mission & Strategy, Cabrini Health, who will speak on 'Partnering with community service organisations to advance mission effectiveness'. [Click here](#) for flyer.

Tuesday 23 April



Formation in Catholic Social Teaching

A morning workshop to introduce people, new to our sector, to the principles and application of Catholic Social Teaching. Further details from [Peter Hudson](#), tel 9287 5570

Sector events and developments

Catholic Health Australia - Code of Ethical Standards

In response to requests from member organisations for a more accessible version of its authoritative [Code of Ethical Standards for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia](#), Catholic Health Australia has now made the Code available online.

Another document recommended to members is [Integrity in the Service of the Church](#). This document, issued by the National Committee for Professional Standards, aims to help Church workers reflect on and uphold Christian vision and values in all relationships and actions.

An Invitation...

JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

click here
to book

7pm, Saturday 23rd March 2013
Members Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER WILLIAM MCINNES
MC David Mann

We look forward to seeing you there!

PilchConnect - [February Seminar - Legal issues in managing volunteers](#)

This one-day seminar will help participants systematically analyse the 'life-cycle of a volunteer', to identify the key legal risks and obligations at each stage and to learn simple procedures to minimise or avoid the risks, and comply with the law.

The training is designed for volunteer managers and co-ordinators in NFP organisations.

Monday 25 February 2013, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Russell Kennedy, Level 12, 469 La Trobe St Melbourne

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A tribute show to Louisa Lawson - Publisher of Australian Women's Journal: *The Dawn*, 1888-1905. Sunday 17 February – 3pm – 6pm.



A mix of local musicians, perform songs about, or lyrics by, pioneering Australian feminist Louisa Lawson. Cost of entry: \$8 or \$10 with special booklet. All proceeds to the Good Samaritan Inn crisis accommodation for women. **Venue: Empress Hotel, 714 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North.**



St Vincent de Paul St Francis Conference **'Justice in the City' series, 12.00pm, Wednesday 27 February** – Anne Tuohey on *Tales from the biscuit tin: Social justice in the society today.* **Venue: St Francis Pastoral Centre, Lonsdale St, City.**

Mission: one heart many voices Conference. Sydney 29 April to 1 May 2013

Mission: one heart many voices will be a place of gathering participants from many sectors and ministries. The program is being designed to offer participants opportunities to use their heads, hearts, hands and voices – to learn through their intellectual, emotional, spiritual, practical and social natures. A primary driver of the design of the program is that there will be processes of critical reflection and analysis and what emerges is good praxis for living and leading mission better.



The conference organisers have been fortunate to secure many varied and distinguished speakers, expert and leading practitioners in their field. For list of speakers click: <http://mohmv.com.au/program.html>



HOMework
A Bethlehem Community Inc Event

**Saturday 22 June 2013, Grand Hyatt, Time - 7.00pm
Dress – Formal**

Immerse yourself in an Exceptional Event!

A truly Melbourne experience, great food, great wine & great entertainment. The chance to dine and dance while making a significant difference in the lives of hidden members of our community... the 9,230 women that are homeless in Victoria each year. HOMEWORK aims to give these women something most of us take for granted... a place to call home. Information or booking tickets: homework@bethlehem.com.au or call Sam on 0457 080 543. Tickets: \$195 single tables of 10. Book early for priority seating.

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