



Catholic Social Services  
**Victoria**

# seeking social inclusion

## **EQUIPPING ORGANISATIONS TO RESPOND TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS**

**Thursday 9 September 2010, 8.45am-4.45pm**

Participation and access to services are essential to achieve social inclusion for people experiencing mental illness. This symposium will inform and equip management, policy and practice staff across community services in responding to the mental health needs of service users. Workshops will provide the opportunity to integrate information into service strategies. Participants will also help shape the advocacy & research agenda for Catholic Social Services.

*Speakers include:*

**Professor Ruth Webber**

Director, Quality of Life & Social Justice Research Centre, Australian Catholic University

**Associate Professor Neil Cole**

Mental Health Research Institute, University of Melbourne.

Neil is also the consumer representative on the National Advisory Committee on Mental Health.

**Michael Perusco**

Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Heart Mission

**Martin Turnbull**

Assistant Director, Mental Health and Drugs Strategy, Department of Health.

*The day will include:*

- Best practice workshops designed to assist participants to consider the implications of issues raised for their own area of work
- An expert panel and plenary to define advocacy and research priorities.

Venue: Kildara Centre, rear 39 Stanhope Street, Malvern

Cost: \$140 (negotiable for volunteers, others not in employment)

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*Places are limited so please return the attached registration form asap.*



# Seeking social inclusion: A symposium on equipping our organisations to respond to people with mental illness

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| Track 1 | <b>Understanding the needs of clients</b><br>Facilitator: Rosalie Pattenden, Centacare Catholic Family Services                 |
| Track 2 | <b>Building best practice models</b><br>Facilitator: Merrilee Cox, NEAMI  |
| Track 3 | <b>Training &amp; Development of staff</b><br>Facilitators: Office of the Public Advocate / Ann Tan, St Vincent de Paul Society |

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| 8.45 - 9.10   | Registration  |
| 9.10 - 9.15   | Welcome, Denis Fitzgerald, Catholic Social Services Victoria  |
| 9.15 - 9.25   | Acknowledgement of traditional owners, Melissa Brickell, MacKillop Family Services  |
| 9:25 - 9.30   | Overview of program, Marilyn Webster, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services   |
| 9:30 - 10.30  | Professor Ruth Webber, Director, Quality of Life & Social Justice Research Centre, Australian Catholic University<br>Keynote Address: The experience of exclusion: Lessons from research                      |
| 10.30 - 10.45 | Morning tea   |
| 10.45 - 11.15 | Michael Perusco, CEO, Sacred Heart Mission<br>Putting principles into practice: Sacred Heart Mission/ Alfred Hospital Partnership   |
| 11.15 - 12.30 | <b>BEST PRACTICE WORKSHOPS:</b>   |
|               | <b>Understanding the needs of clients</b>   |
|               | <b>Building best practice models</b>  |
|               | <b>Staff/ volunteer training</b>  |
| 12.30 - 1.00  | Lunch break   |
| 1.00 - 2.00   | Associate Professor Neil Cole, Mental Health Research Institute, University of Melbourne<br>Understanding mental illness & impact on people's lives - the role of community organizations in social inclusion |
| 2.00 - 3.00   | Report back from workshops  |
| 3.00 - 3.45   | Martin Turnbull, Assistant Director, Mental Health and Drugs Strategy, Department of Health<br>'Because Mental Health Matters' Initiative   |
| 3.45 - 4.40   | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION &amp; PLENARY TO IDENTIFY FOLLOW UP PRIORITIES</b><br>Panel: Neil Cole, Ruth Webber, Marilyn Webster, Martin Turnbull; Chair: David Beaver, Centacare Ballarat                            |
| 4.40 - 4.45   | Close   |
| 4.45          | Concluding drinks   |

Poster displays and program information available during day

COST: \$140 FOR PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT.  
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