

# mini MICAH

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Hello, and welcome to *mini MICAH* and to another year - may it be a great one.

## What's been happening

- Γ CSSV is back in full swing for 2007 after all of us having a break of varying length over the Christmas break and looking forward to what 2007 has in store for each of us. Trusting that you all had a chance to enjoy a break of some sort.
- Γ Our congratulations go to Sr Toni Matha IBVM and Fr Peter Norden SJ for being honoured on Australia Day for their work in the welfare sector over many years. Both Toni and Peter are foundational staff of Catholic Social Services.
- Γ Also congratulations go to Suzy McManus [CSSV & MacKillop Family Services] on being the recipient of a scholarship to study Catholic Identity and Leadership with ACU.

## What's coming up

- Γ CSSV Annual General Meeting will be held this year on 21 March at 12.00noon preceded by Mass at 10.30am and followed by a yummy lunch at 1.00pm. Invitations will be sent to members and friends of CSSV.
- Γ St Vincent de Paul's annual Ozanam Lecture will be held on 15 March 2007 at 7.30pm at St Francis' Church, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Please RSVP to 9895 5800 by Monday 26 February 2007.
- Γ Catholic Prison Ministry Director Sr Mary O'Shannassy, a Sister of the Good Samaritan, is celebrating with her Congregation, 150 years of life and mission in Australia on 2 February. Their first convent was a disused prison on the spot where Central Railway Station now stands - fitting that Mary should be so devoted to prison ministry!
- Γ On Thursday 22 February, St Mary's House of Welcome in conjunction with the Victorian Electoral Commission are holding an **Enrolment Day to Have Your Say** providing an opportunity for homeless people to fill out an enrolment form enabling them to vote in local, state and federal elections.

## Who am I?

Each issue, we profile someone in the CSSV community. In this issue, we hear from our own Christine Wade.

*Q: Chris, please tell us about your work and your role here at CSSV.*

I work at CSSV doing office administration, reception and support, enquiries, minute-taking, meeting/function organisation, distribution of information to Secretariat and CSSV members.

*Q: Tell us something interesting or funny that has happened at your work recently?*

Too many to mention - or remember. I work in a lively place!

*Q: Have you a piece of advice or an encouragement that has helped you in life or work?*

Yes, I have been given much encouragement during my time at CSSV, and I find the people I work with and around are encouraging simply by their friendliness and sense of fun. As for advice, I think one piece of advice given to me was not to take life too seriously and enjoy the simple things.

*Q: How do you wind down or relax?*

By walking, reading, dining out with friends, gardening and just enjoying the beauty of nature. I love being with my kids and grandkids, but not sure if that comes into the category of relaxing or winding down!

*Q: Have you a particular role model?*

My friend Shirley. I admire her total efficiency, her empathy and her ability to be honest without being brutal.

*Q: Which footy team do you support and why?*

The **Kangaroos** - two of my sons changed allegiance from Collingwood to North Melbourne [nearly 30 years ago] and they needed someone to take them to the games - my other children and their Dad supported the Magpies, so someone had to do it! And I love those Kangas!

Send us your news – any information on what your agency is doing  
will be greatly appreciated.

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