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## National Sorry Day

Friday, May 26, 2017

National Sorry Day Reconciliation Week starts.

National Sorry Day is a day to remember the removal of Aboriginal children from their families. A chance for all Australians to recognise the pain thousands of Aboriginal people went through. The children affected are now known as the Stolen Generations.

The first 'Sorry Day' in 1998 was marked by hundreds of activities around the country. The Australian federal government does not take part in 'Sorry Day', saying people who removed Aboriginal children thought they were doing the right thing and people now should not have to say sorry for what people did in the past. Over 1 million signatures in thousands of Sorry Books speak a different language.



Fact:- Since 2003 Aboriginal Canadians celebrate their National Day of Healing and Reconciliation (NDHR) also on May 26. Canadians chose the same day "to honour the Stolen Generation of Aboriginal Australians as well as the children who attended Indian Residential Schools in Canada".

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=br83o\\_JpIFw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=br83o_JpIFw) Archie Roach: Took the Children Away with written lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-wMbFntrTo> Briggs: The children came back

## Local Government Community Support and Social Support Planned Activity Group Workshops

These full day workshops were held in the four Local Government Areas of Hindmarsh, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack & Horsham during October & November, 2016.

The agenda for the workshops covered a wide range of topics and included:

- Summer Preparedness;
- LGBTI Inclusive Community Services;
- Yanng Ngalung Maligundidj Cultural Training;
- Mental Health First Aid;
- The Support Loop;
- Putting HELP training into practice In total there were 104 attendees at the 4

workshops: 76 Community Support Workers & 27 Social Support / Planned Activity Group staff. Of these, 83% completed an evaluation, with a summary of these strongly acknowledging the benefit of the Cultural Training with Joanne Clarke, the LGBTI training provided by Brian Dunn, along with Jenny McGenniskens' presentation on Summer Preparedness & Felicity Johns' overview of the Mental Health First Aid training.

Thank you to the managers in each of these areas who helped with the organisation of venues and catering, and supported their staff to attend.

These workshops will be organised in the 4 Central Highlands Local Government Areas in the first part of 2017, followed by 3 in Grampians Pyrenees later in the year. Each of the workshops will include a Cultural Training session & an LGBTI presentation, with the remainder of the program content negotiated with local service providers.

## National Apology Day 13th February 2017 Activities

This event marks the anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the House of Representatives on 13 February 2008 by former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. The Apology related to past laws,

policies and practices that have impacted on Australia's First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations. The motion was supported by the Opposition and passed through both houses of Parliament.

Brendan Nelson (former Leader of the Opposition) gave a formal response. Many members of the Stolen Generations were present in the Chamber to hear the Apology and thousands more filled the Great Hall of Parliament House and flowed out onto the lawns to watch it on big screens. The Apology was broadcast across Australia.



### PAV Assessor Online Training

PAV Online Training:  
No Current face to face training available for PAV.  
Follow link below to access online training.

<http://elearning.health.vic.gov.au/pav/>

## Small Acts of Love

A National Symposium On Dementia and Love

Celebrate Ageing is proud to present this National Symposium in partnership with a number of organisations including the Australian Association of Gerontology and supported by Alzheimer's Australia Vic. The Symposium will be held on 13th - 15th February 2017 to explore the importance of love in the lives of

people living with dementia. Love will be broadly defined and the Symposium will critique romantic ideals of love and perfection to explore the challenges and joys of love. The logo for the Symposium was developed by Andy Ferguson to represent the love speakers will describe: beautiful (the rose) and with challenges (the thorns).



# Care Leavers

It is estimated that more than 100,000 children were placed in care in Victoria between 1928 and 2003.

Forgotten Australians - a report on Australians who experienced institutional or out of home care as children is a 2004 federal

report which reveals neglect, physical and sexual abuse and criminal assaults perpetrated on vulnerable children in care across Australia last century.

These children did not have the benefit of growing up within their own family and some did not even know their family or the

existence of other family members (including siblings) until they were adults.

There are services and supports for care leavers (also known as forgotten Australians) and their families that can assist with things like:

- Professional counselling for care leavers and their immediate families;
- Support with advocacy, applications, appointments and filling in forms;
- Referral to community services including health, housing, education and employment services;



Photos from the Daily Mail 2009 WW2 children evacuees reunite 70 years later 2nd September 2009

- Search services to help former wards find their records and family members;
- Legal information about potential compensation claims and support during the claims process;
- Social support and Activity groups.
- read about and view images of orphanages, homes and other residences;
- track down records - where they are, who to contact and what to expect; and
- find out about key institutions, agencies, public figures, legislation and policies.

For further information or details of specialist service supporting care leavers is available here.

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/children,-families-and-young-people/care-leavers/forgotten-australians>

## What is “Close the Gap?”

Equal access to healthcare is a basic human right, and in Australia, we expect it. So what if we told you that you can expect to live almost 20 years less than your next-door neighbour? You wouldn't accept it. No-one should.

But in reality, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People can expect to live up to 10–17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians. Learn more about why the health gap exists.

Working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the critical success factors. With continued support from the public, we can ensure the Australian Government continues to work with Indigenous communities, recommit additional funding and invest in

real partnerships.

<https://www.oxfam.org.au/what-we-do/indigenous-australia/national-close-the-gap-day/>



\*Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), Victorian Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (VICHACC PYP)

# Monday 21st March Harmony Day

Harmony Day, which started in 1999, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It coincides the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. See also [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

## Important Events

- District Nursing Forum - includes Continence, General Nursing and Nutrition Screening
- Local Government Organisation Coordinators Forum 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Allied Health Forum (second half of 2017)
- Review of Grampians Region Personal Care Protocol – dates to be set
- Aged Persons Mental Health Service Partnering agreement being drafted
- Continence Training is still available for Community Support Workers
- Foot Care 'refresher' – still available for Community Support Workers
- Wimmera Social Support Planned Activity Group Staff Workshop—Wednesday 31st May 2017
- Grampians Pyrenees Social Support Planned Activity Group Staff Workshop—Monday 10th July 2017

*Contact Robyn for any further details.*

### GRAMPIANS REGION—WEBSITE INFORMATION

Supporting YOU with Information

VICTORIAN HACC PROGRAM FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE

[www.wimmerapcp.org.au](http://www.wimmerapcp.org.au)

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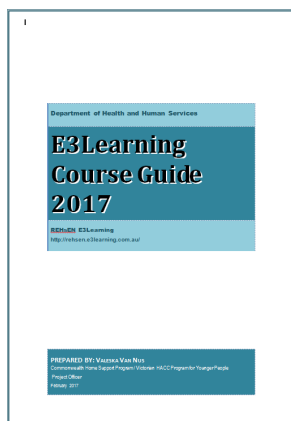
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## E3Learning Course Booklet Coming Soon...

A copy of the E3Learning Course guide will be distributed to each agency during the next Alliance Meeting.s

A PDF copy will also be made available in the Grampians PCPC VICHACC Website / HACC Education and



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