

RASP Newsletter # 3



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Welcome to the "End Of Year" edition of the R.A.S.P Newsletter.

The past 6 months has been a most rewarding, challenging and interesting time at R.A.S.P.

Thanks to everyone at Anglicare, the various Service Providers, and the various Community Networks, who have participated, collaborated and most of all INSPIRED.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK 2008

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc. – **GARDS**, continue their fantastic and most valuable work, conducting the annual memorial service on Friday 28 November to mark Asbestos Awareness Week. The event was well attended by the community, as well as Premier John Brumby and members of State and Federal Parliament.

Vicki, Dorothy, Marie and the team of dedicated volunteers provide information and displays at numerous community events. They are a great example of the positive community spirit that is alive and well not only in the Latrobe Valley, but across Gippsland.

Have a look at the GARDS website:
www.gards.org

GARDS also has a most informative newsletter which you might wish to subscribe to! **WELL DONE GARDS!**

MELBOURNE SERVICE PROVIDERS LOOK AT GIPPSLAND.

Recently, R.A.S.P has received "expressions of interest" from some Melbourne based Programs / Service Providers interested in providing community education / information sessions in 2009.

Significant community information and education delivery to Gippsland clients and workers is possible....

IF WE GENERATE ENOUGH INTEREST AND SUPPORT!!

WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT

WRU are a Community Legal Service specialising in Centrelink / welfare issues. They are currently assessing needs and interest for community sessions in rural / regional Victoria.

PLEASE contact Dale with any feedback regarding your community needs in relation to Welfare Rights issues.

VILLAMANTA DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL SERVICE

Are also planning visits to Gippsland in 2009. Once again please contact Dale regarding your communities' interest and support

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, But beautiful old people are works of art.

~Eleanor Roosevelt Quotes

ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY MEDICAL TREATMENT WALLET CARDS

These wallet cards are now available.

If you or your clients have donated Enduring Power of Attorney Medical Treatment, feel free to contact Dale for information about the EPA Card, or for fact sheets about "Medical Treatment for Patients Who Cannot Consent"

GIVE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY A GO with OPPORTUNITY

Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, Bill Shorten, has launched a new publication which outlines compelling reasons for including people with disability as customers and employees. To access a copy of "Opportunity" go to:
www.disabilityconfidence.org.au

SENIORS RIGHTS VICTORIA

Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV) is a free service that has been established to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older Victorians.

The service was launched by Minister for Senior Victorians, Lisa Neville on 27 April 2008. It provides :

- telephone information and referral
- advocacy and support
- legal services
- community and professional education

Contact details: 1300 368 821 between 10am and 5pm (Mon-Fri)

People who are concerned about abuse or neglect that is affecting them or someone they know can call Seniors Rights Victoria on 1300 36 8821.

www.cotavic.org.au/seniors_rights_victoria

R.A.S.P and G.C.L.S are also able to provide information, advice and community education locally, in relation to variety of issues relating to older Victorians

OTHER NEWSLETTERS:

Have you subscribed to the following newsletters and E-bulletins?

You will find them informative and interesting!

HEADWAY GIPPSLAND
hwABI@bigpond.net.au

www.headwaygippsland.org.au

**PARENT TO PARENT GIPPSLAND
NOAHS ARK Inc.**

Parent to Parent have a WEALTH of contacts and support groups.

Please feel free to contact Yvonne Waite – Coordinator Gippsland for more information of to be added to the mailing list.

Yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au

CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

R.A.S.P /G.C.L.S OFFICE WILL:

CLOSE AT
**2PM ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24
AND...**

REOPEN AT
9AM ON MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2009

***Whatever this time of year
means to you, and
however you plan to
observe or celebrate, we
wish you a safe and
happy end of 2008.
SEE YOU ALL 2009!***