

GCLS - RASP Newsletter # 8



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WEAR IT WITH PRIDE

85 Federal laws that discriminated against same-sex couples and their families have been reformed. Use the Reform Finder, find out which changes fit you at WEAR IT WITH PRIDE. [http://www.wearitwithpride.com.au/](http://www.wearitwithpride.com.au) Information sheets are available on the website.

Areas of change which might affect you or your clients include:

Public Office, Parenting, Workplace, Relationships, Social Security, Health and Ageing and Immigration.

LATROBE COMMUNITY NETWORK FORUM

Consumer Affairs Victoria and Latrobe Community Health Services and RASP, are currently planning a Network Mapping Forum to be held in August.

A fantastic opportunity for community organisations and service providers to come together and "map" current network connections.

More details available very soon !

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT 2010

The new Act will come into effect as of August 2011, having been passed by Parliament on April 15 2010.

The Victorian Equal opportunity & Human Rights Commission is currently undertaking planning to assist with transition to the new Act. Relevant information will be released in due course and GCLS – RASP will update and revise resources accordingly.

You can track upcoming information via the link below.

<http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au>

MANY FAIL TO CLAIM ALLOWANCES

The age Kirsty Needham, May 31, 2010

“More than 168,000 people are missing out on parenting, carer and disability payments worth \$623 million a year, either because claiming them is too complicated or eligible recipients are unaware they exist, a report has found.

One in five people who qualify for the carer allowance - worth up to \$2615 a year - did not claim it, largely because they were unaware it existed.

As the federal government moves to toughen access to the Newstart allowance, requiring new job seekers to present fortnightly to Centrelink, an Australia Institute report found the money saved because eligible people did not claim was 1½ times the amount it lost to cheats in 2008.” [Read full article...](#)

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/many-fail-to-claim-allowances-20100530-wni5.html>

2010 National Disability Awards: Nominations Open

The National Disability Awards are part of the Australian Government's celebration of International Day of People with Disability. The Awards celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions that individuals with disability make to our community, and recognise individuals within our community who have contributed to the disability sector.

Each of the 2010 Award finalists will be invited to attend the National Disability Awards Ceremony at Parliament House, in Canberra on 23 November 2010. One recipient for each Award category will be announced at the ceremony.

For award categories and nomination forms, please visit the [official website](#).
<http://www.idpwd.com.au/awards.asp>

RAJAC AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the winners of the RAJAC – Gippsland Justice Awards, which were announced at Orbost on June 9.

Community Justice Partnership Award - Sheriffs Office and LJW initiatives

Employment and Training Innovation Award - Lake Tyres Trust Farm Enterprise

Cultural Innovation Award - Gippsland Community Walk - Daphne Yarram, Sandra Pattern and Damian Goodall

Leadership Innovation Award - Wulgungoo Ngalu Learning Place

Adult Award - Ms Nicole LeSage

Elders Award - Aunty Bess Yarram

The great work done by this year's winners, is an indication of the ongoing achievements of RAJAC.

For more information about RAJAC, visit these websites:

<http://www.vals.org.au/faqs/rajac.htm>

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/justlib/doj+internet/home/your+rights/indigenous+victorians/aboriginal+justice/justice+-+regional+aboriginal+justice+advisory+committee>

VDAC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council (VDAC) has just released its Achievements Report 2007-2009.

The Victorian Disability Advisory Council's main task is to advise the Minister for Community Services, the Hon Lisa Neville, about disability and carer issues in Victoria. The advice is generated by the Minister's requests to the Council and it is also forthcoming from priority issues identified by the Council.

For a copy of the report and to find out more about VDAC visit:

http://www.officefordisability.vic.gov.au/disability_advisory_council.htm#achievements

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home..."

Roosevelt, Eleanor Author (1884-1962)

HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREERS EXPO

The Herald Sun Careers Expo is a fantastic event featuring over 120 exhibitors from industry representatives to universities and TAFEs. A day spent at this event will undeniably leave students inspired and informed about their career, employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities.

The Herald Sun Career Expo is on a Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre on the following dates:

- Friday 30 July: 10am -3pm
- Saturday 31 July: 10am to 4pm
- Sunday 1 August: 10am to 4pm

www.careerexpo.com.au

Entry is normally \$12

RASP has a limited number of FREE tickets to this event.

If you know of, or work with youth, who would be interested, CALL DALE NOW for a free ticket.

LINKS & NEWSLETTERS

www.communitynews.infoxchange.net.au

GOT SOME NEWS????

Please contact Dale on 5135 9555

If you have an event or news you would like included in the RASP newsletter.

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