



Part of Gippsland Community Legal Service - Anglicare Victoria

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Welcome to 2010

Welcome to 2010 and the March RASP Newsletter. You will note our name change to; **Gippsland Community Legal Service (GCLS) RASP Newsletter**. This better reflects the news, projects and events, and other information that is generated by GCLS and RASP.

I hope you find our Newsletter helpful and informative. Please remember that you are welcome to suggest any items for inclusion in future Newsletters. Please contact Dale on **5135 9555**.

Advocacy Casework

As a result of Dale's role change to Acting Team Leader,
RASP will not be providing advocacy casework, until further notice.

Staff Changes

We welcome Kate Windmill as our new Principal Solicitor. Kate will work out of our Morwell Office.

Leigh Crosbie, joined GCLS in December last year, and works out of our Bairnsdale office.

Kate and Leigh's successful recruitment, along with the appointment of our new Legal Needs Analysis position, brings GCLS to full staffing capacity. The fact that we have some new dynamic people joining our existing experienced staff indicates a time of great potential for GCLS.

Legal Needs Analysis

We are happy to announce that Donna Simons has been recruited to undertake the Legal Needs Analysis (LNA) for GCLS. Donna will join the team as of Monday 22 March, on limited tenure.

While Dale is Acting Team Leader of the Legal Service, some aspects of the Rights and Advocacy role and the Legal Needs Analysis role have been combined, such as;

- **Making contact with stakeholders.**
- **Attending network meetings either with Dale, or in Dale's place.**
- **Conducting Community Education and Information sessions.**

The Legal Needs Analysis will seek input from stakeholders across Gippsland and then "map" the unmet legal needs.

This information will then assist GCLS in formulating our program plan and help identify targets for projects and casework.

Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself. ~Robert Ingersoll

Resolving Neighbour Disputes

Disputes over fences is still the most common dispute we see at RASP.

A few tips;

- Always try and talk to your neighbour first.
- A Notice To Fence should be issued and approval obtained prior to proceeding with any fence work.
- If you need to know the name of the owner of the neighbouring property, you can make a request IN WRITING to your local council and state that it is for the purpose of fencing.
- Always attempt to resolve any dispute through Mediation – Appropriate Dispute Resolution, before going to court.

For more information about resolving a neighbour dispute, or fencing issue;

Dispute Settlement Centre Victoria 1800 658 528

DSCV have an office in the Morwell Justice Service Centre – 25 Ann Street Morwell

DSCV – Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) are able to assist with a variety of disputes.

Don't assume that your neighbour won't listen, or isn't interested in resolving a dispute.

Approximately 80% of disputes have successful outcomes when brought to mediation.

**RASP
5135 9555**

We provide information and can assist with a referral to DSCV for mediation.

Enduring Powers of Attorney

Did you know.....

- There are FOUR Powers of Attorney,
- General Power of Attorney **CEASES** once you lose capacity and is of no help to you in the event of ageing, illness or accident where capacity is lost.
- Enduring Power of Attorney lasts (endures) past the donor losing capacity.
- There are THREE Enduring Powers of Attorney, covering, Finances, Lifestyle, and Medical decisions.

Have you been discriminated against?

Discrimination is the less favourable or detrimental treatment of a person, which is directly or indirectly a result of an **ATTRIBUTE**

ATTRIBUTE refers to the characteristic of the person that has resulted in the discrimination. These include but are not limited to;

- AGE,
- GENDER / GENDER IDENTITY,
- RACE,
- DISABILITY,
- PARENTAL STATUS
- CARER STATUS.

Feel free to contact RASP for more information on Powers of Attorney, Neighbour Disputes or Discrimination

RASP is also available for community education sessions for your network, staff group or community group.

Latrobe Valley Sudanese Professional Association



The Latrobe Valley Sudanese Professional Association will hold an inaugural dinner on Thursday 25 March.

The Sudanese Dinner is an opportunity to;

- Network with members of the Sudanese Community,
- Taste traditional Sudanese cuisine,
- Experience traditional Sudanese music and culture,
- Build a stronger, more vibrant local community.

This is an invitation event with limited places available. If you have received an invitation but are unable to attend, please feel free to nominate a representative from your organization, who is able to attend.

RSVP Before 15 March

To: Bianca Pezzutto

Relationships Australia on 51759500

For more information about the Latrobe Valley Sudanese Association, contact;

Mr. Teny Ngouth 0401 080 508

Review of Victoria's Guardianship and Administration Laws

GCLS – RASP will participate in this review, which has been referenced by the Attorney-General. Our input will be through the Federation of Community Legal Centres – Vic.

You are welcome to relate your experiences with Guardianship and Administration (either first hand or your clients). These may provide effective case studies where appropriate for the submission.

You can contact Dale on **5135 9555**

Further information about the submission process is available at,

www.lawreform.vic.gov.au

LINKS & NEWSLETTERS

www.communitylaw.org.au

For information about The Federation of Community Legal Centres. Follow the links to GCLS webpage for information about Gippsland Community Legal Service.

www.anglicarevic.org.au

Read about the range of services, and follow the links to "Imagine" Anglicare Victoria's quarterly newsletter.

www.leadershipplus.com

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Need an Auslan Interpreter?

The needs of Deaf and hard of hearing people are unique and should be given the same support as any other client requiring an interpreter. When required, a qualified and accredited Auslan interpreter should be booked for appointments.

For Auslan interpreting, contact Gippsland Auslan Interpreting Service (GAIS)

Phone: 5127 9148

Fax: 5127 7002

Video Relay Interpreting Service

The Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) Service uses video cameras and a high speed broadband service to provide Auslan and spoken language interpreting services without an interpreter present at the same site.

The benefits of VRI include, a shorter waiting time and reduced costs.

There is a VRI service located at Latrobe Community Health Service in Morwell.

For more information about VRI, (including explanations in Auslan), visit.....

www.vicdeaf.com.au/video-relay-interpreting

Harmony Day

Visit the Harmony Day Website

www.harmony.gov.au

Find a Harmony Day activity near you.

Latrobe FReeZA Youth Entertainment Team : Expressions of Interest

Are you know a young person with exciting ideas? Do they like to have fun and meet new people? Are they interested in planning youth events?

headspace, in partnership with Latrobe City Council are looking for fun loving, motivated and enthusiastic young people to be a part of our FReeZA Youth Entertainment Team! As a member of our FReeZA team they will have the opportunity to help organise and run fun and exciting youth events within the Latrobe City area.

The next FReeZA meeting will be held at **headspace**, 99 Buckley St Morwell, on Tuesday 16th March, 4pm – 5:30 pm

For more information or to refer expressions of interest, please contact myself or Liz Jones at headspace on 5136 8300

GOT SOME NEWS????

**Please contact Dale on 5135 9555
If you have an event or news you
would like included in the RASP
newsletter.**

The RASP Newsletter is quarterly:

March ✓
June

September
December

**Do you have a child with a hearing
impairment?
Would you like to meet other parents
who have a child with hearing
impairment?
Hearing Impairment Support Group**

All welcome! This group is for parents and family members who
have a child with a hearing impairment

Morwell Neighbourhood House, 48 – 50 Beattie Crescent

Morwell

This meeting will be facilitated by Leanne Wishart

Thursday April 1st from 10am – 12noon

Enquiries: Yvonne at Parent To Parent Gippsland, ph 51 353 131 or email
Yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au