



**Caroline
Chisholm
Society**

Newsletter

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Our Annual Report has now been released. For a copy, go to www.caroline.org.au or call the office.

Want to Volunteer?

We need helpers for our street stalls.

Thursdays
10am–2pm,
fortnightly,

Niddrie and Puckle Street.

Volunteers can work for as many hours as they wish and may select the most convenient location.

Volunteers are also required to sort material aid at the Caroline Springs site. Volunteers can nominate the day they wish to work and the amount of time they have to give.

Our clients currently need girls winter and summer size 2 to 5 and boys winter and summer size 4 to 5 clothing.

PLEASE DONATE

9am–5pm, weekdays at 12 Shuter Street, Moonee Ponds

FUNDRAISING COCKTAIL PARTY

Drinks, canapés and music in Melbourne's historic treasure
Melbourne Town Hall

Wednesday 20th November, 2013, 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm.

Single tickets \$65, five tickets \$300.

To book, go to: <http://www.trybooking.com/63670>

From the CEO



This newsletter follows our AGM, so it seems a suitable time to take stock with you about the last year at Caroline Chisholm Society.

This year, the Board endorsed a revised organisational strategy and plan that acknowledges our need to grow and assure the sustainability of three locally embedded sites. The plan seeks to guide us in diversifying and increasing our income. It reiterates our position of offering a free service that needs its impact measured and underpinned by a strong data set. The plan has a renewed focus on volunteering to add value to our service delivery and contribute to the wider community by facilitating volunteering.

I'm always very happy to see growth in service provision, which always get met by demand. In addition to our usual pregnancy and family support services, this year we achieved funding so we could offer social groups to reduce isolation from Melton Council and are being supported by the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund

to establish a Home Handy Helpers Program to reduce risks of homelessness.

With regard to our facilities, we purchased 977 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon and have achieved over \$100,000 in donations to help us renovate it. This major project for the Society will allow us to stay in fit for purpose accommodation in the heart of the Moonee Valley, where we have been for over 40 years. It's a great project, not just because it helps us to operate, but also because it helps our clients. The new site will offer consulting space for counseling and family support, space for volunteers to operate our new and pre-loved goods program and private space for caseworkers to take stock before and after home visits.

Before I sign off, a big congratulations to the team at Shepparton who are celebrating 35 years of service. The team offers a warm environment for families to come for a listening ear and new and pre-loved goods. Check out a little bit about them on page 2.

In the spirit of Caroline Chisholm,

Helen Cooney
Chief Executive Officer

Parenting Group, Bringing Up Great Kids ...



Parenting Group facilitator Pattama with Felicity from MacKillop Family Services

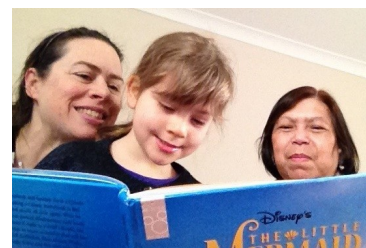
A parenting group has been facilitated by Pattama of the Caroline Chisholm Society in collaboration with Felicity at MacKillop Family Services at Melton's Springside Community Centre. It was a big success.

One client said "I found that the group taught me about parenting skills in a non-confronting way".

Pattama commented that the client's confidence, self-esteem and understanding of developmental mile-

stones grew. She made connections with other parents attending the group and has developed a friendship network. She now has an improved level of self confidence as a parent and more positive self esteem.

Pregnant? Young Family?
The Caroline Chisholm Society
is here for you.



Caroline Chisholm Society supports pregnant women and families who have children under school age.

For free and confidential information, support and referrals ask for the duty worker on:

- (03) 9361 7000, or
- 1800 134 863

Spotlight on ... Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Support

Last financial year, support for over 500 people was offered by our Goulburn Valley team. They are co-located with Radcom Youth and Family Services at a new site at 15A St Andrews Road, next door to a church. The new space provides opportunities to grow and establish our team in a more suitable accommodation that still operates in a shared environment. This work is supported by the community throughout the Goulburn Valley, including the Community Fund.

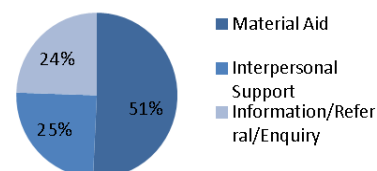
For over 35 years, Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Service has offered free and confidential information and support to

women and families during and after pregnancy.

The data shows that our work is focused on new and pre-loved goods and that it provides the opportunity for families to receive some sound advice and referral.

The support services our Shepparton team offers include: Non-directive Pregnancy Support; telephone and face to face family support; new and preloved goods for women and babies; and pregnancy and family counselling referrals, including loss, grief and post termination.

The nature of our support in the Goulburn Valley



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