

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST

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CONVERSATION HOUR AUDIO LINK NOW AVAILABLE

As some of you may be aware, Victorian Women's Trust Executive Director and Watermark Australia Project Director Mary Crooks appeared on 774 ABC Melbourne's 'Conversation Hour' with Jon Faine and Rob Gell last month, to discuss the Trust's new publication 'Our Water Mark'. The ABC experienced technical difficulties in making the interview available online, however this has since been fixed and an audio link is now accessible via:

<http://www.abc.net.au/melbourne/stories/s2018530.htm?melbourne>

The interview generated a lot of interest (and publication orders!), with Mary discussing the five-year community process that culminated in the publication, and the how everyone can play a part in securing our water future. For those who missed the interview, we encourage you to listen, care of the audio link above.

WOMEN FOR WIK

Thanks to a long-time supporter of the Trust, we were recently notified of the group 'Women for Wik', who are currently focusing their energies on monitoring the Federal Government's actions in the Northern Territory.

As their website states, *"The Federal intervention, now enshrined in law, could provide a unique opportunity to improve conditions in the Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, but there is also a real possibility that it could only make things worse. It could undermine the key aspects of NT Indigenous societies - country, kin and culture - and by using a top-down approach to management, work against self-government and, in some instances, contravene human rights."*

Women for Wik have several outlined 'actions' concerned people can take if they are interested, including signing their petition in support of monitoring the Government's actions, writing to Federal MPs, and how to contact local reconciliation groups.

For more information: <http://www.womenforwik.org/>

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE – FOSTERING CHANGE

Friday 5th October to Sunday 7th October
Telstra Dome, Melbourne, Victoria

Who should come?

Foster Carers, Indigenous Carers, Kin and Family Carers, Permanent Carers, Employees from Government Organisations, Employees from Non-Government Organisations, Key Stakeholders in the Sector, Social Work Students, Academics/Lecturers and Researchers.

Keynote Speakers

MC –Julie McCrossin, Professor Dorothy Scott OAM, Dr Jenn McIntosh, Muriel Bamblett AM, Bernie Geary OAM, Dr Robyn Miller, Marilyn McHugh, Khoa Do and Dr Colin Riess.

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BRIEFCASE BRIMMING WITH BITTERNESS

"Everyone in this building and I suspect across Australia knows that Julia Gillard is sitting back with a handbag full of knives waiting for Kevin Rudd to stumble," Workplace Relations Minister Joe Hockey, trying to hose off and deflect leadership speculation within the Government's ranks, this morning on ABC AM.

We wonder, if Julia Gillard was not a female, whether "briefcase full of knives" would have the same ring to it?