

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST

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CHANGES TO VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST GRANTS PROGRAM TIMELINE

Please note the Victorian Women's Trust will be moving our granting timelines forward, with next year's Granting Guidelines issued in EARLY OCTOBER, with a due date in DECEMBER.

If you would like to be notified of the Granting Guidelines when issued, please email women@vwt.org.au and we will add you to our database.

COPIES OF 'OUR WATER MARK' - AVAILABLE NOW

Prepared by the Victorian Women's Trust (VWT), 'Our Water Mark' is the product of the Watermark Australia project, the largest and most ambitious project the Trust has undertaken in its twenty-year history.

'Our Water Mark' is a new community-based independent publication that provides a comprehensive overview on one of the most important issues affecting Australians – our water future.

It aims to equip citizens with knowledge about our water situation, so that the wider community and governments can make the right choices in addressing the issue and by creating long-term solutions (which fly in the face of recent political decisions made on both state and federal levels).

'Our Water Mark' is the culmination of five years of extensive research, expert scientific input and community learning.

This community involvement included the coming together of hundreds of small groups of ordinary citizens across Australia, whose discussions on water use in their local communities, and proposed action plans for the way forward, have helped shape the ideas expressed in this landmark document.

In keeping with the spirit of this being a community project, and thanks to a small group of generous special supporters, 'Our Water Mark' is available free of charge, and is being distributed via Readings bookstores in Carlton and Hawthorn, the Melbourne Museum Discovery Centre and the Victorian Women's Trust Melbourne Office (Level 1/388 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000, ph (03) 9642 0422 or reply to this email if you are interested in obtaining a copy).

Please note while the document is free of charge, postage costs will need to be covered by people ordering the document (unless collected at the above locations).

MOVIE SCREENING - THE JAMMED – PROCEEDS TO PROJECT RESPECT

Melbourne Screening with proceeds going to Project Respect. WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29, 6.30pm at Cinema NOVA on Lygon St in Carlton. Cost \$25.00. Book tickets by calling (03) 9551 2066.

Project Respect is a Melbourne based non-government organisation that works to address violence against women in the sex industry.

BETTER BALANCE BETTER BUSINESS BOOKLETS

'Better balance, better business' is an easy-to-read and accessible booklet designed to help women business owners find better work family balance and create more family friendly workplaces. It has been produced by WIRE – Women's Information and the Queen Victoria Women's Centre with funding from Industrial Relations Victoria. The Victorian Women's Trust recently funded WIRE to help distribute this important publication.

'Better balance, better business' summarises the business case for going family friendly, such as reducing the costs of replacing staff and absenteeism. Options available to enhance flexibility in the workplace, such as job share, purchased annual leave and self-rostering are outlined, as well as easy common sense ideas like inviting families along to work social events.

The booklet is filled with case studies drawn from the 11 businesswomen who participated in a project undertaken by WIRE to assist them with work family balance issues in their businesses. It also has suggestions for promoting businesses as being family friendly, as well as a list of useful contacts for further information and support.

To order free copies of 'Better balance, better business':

* call WIRE on 1300 134 130

* email inforequests@wire.org.au <<mailto:inforequests@wire.org.au>>* or download a publication form from www.wire.org.au<<http://www.wire.org.au>/> and fax it to 03 9921 0888

You can also view an interactive version of the booklet at www.qvwc.org.au/infohub <<http://www.qvwc.org.au/infohub>>

AUSSIE SHEILAS MISS OUT AGAIN!!

According to the 42 page draft booklet released by Immigration Minister Kevin Andrews yesterday, as part of the Federal Government's proposed new citizen test, a battler is "an admired figure" ... "a man who survives even if he does not prosper", as quoted in The Age today.

If you do not wish to receive further information regarding events, updates and other general information from the Victorian Women's Trust (VWT) please type "delete" in the subject section of a reply e-mail and your information will be removed from the VWT e-mail database. Please see the homepage (left bottom) of our website www.vwt.org.au for our Privacy Policy.