

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST

OCTOBER E-BULLETIN

Dear Friend of the Trust,

Welcome to the first edition of the Victorian Women's Trust E-bulletin in which you will find information on VWT events as well as other conferences, events, workshops and more that you may find interesting and wish to be informed on.

In particular we will be letting you know about research, policy work, special events and other activities of the Trust. Please also visit the Trust's website at www.vwt.org.au

The E-bulletin will be produced monthly and emailed out in the first week of each month.

We welcome feedback – just reply to this email.

The Victorian Women's Trust invites you to

Women in Focus

A discussion with Melbourne photographer Ponch Hawkes

The *ABC's* Julie Copeland will host the event

Ponch Hawkes began taking photographs in the seventies. Her first published work was in *The Digger*, an alternative newspaper. Her work at the Pram Factory with The Australian Performing Group and the first Women's Theatre Group sparked a lifelong fascination with the physical and the mindset that goes with that. She has been the photographer for and a member of Circus Oz since it began in 1978.

Widely published in books, magazines and newspapers throughout her career, Ponch has worked on assignment in Cambodia, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, The Netherlands, the USA and the UK. Ponch continues to exhibit new work in galleries around Victoria and has been a long time contributor to the Victorian Women's Trust.

**Sunday 23rd October, 2005
3pm - 5pm**

Chrysalis Gallery 179 Gipps Street East Melbourne
\$12 Members \$14 Full \$8 Concession
Please RSVP to the VWT on (03) 9642 0422
*Please book in advance as tickets are limited.

Drinks and tapas provided

WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE VICTORIA

A fundraiser for Women's Legal Service Victoria: A state-wide community legal service helping women in need

Due to popular demand **LAWFUL JAZZ**, now in its fourth year, is back!
Smooth out your evening with some slinky, funky jazz by vocalist Sophie Brous and Soul City.

Wednesday 26 October 2005 - 8pm
The Apartment
401 - 405 Little Bourke Street
Between Elizabeth & Queen Streets

Admission \$20

For tickets phone 9642 0877

Be quick as there are only three hundred tickets and they sell out!

All proceeds go to Women's Legal Service Victoria

WOMEN AND RETIREMENT REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

All workshops will be facilitated by Susan Jackson, founder and Executive Director of The Women's Financial Network.

Susan is a licensed financial planner and has been assisting women with their financial planning needs for the past 16 years. She is a regular speaker on financial issues, facilitator of money education programs and magazine article contributor. She is also the author of The Women's Guide To Property, The Investment Club Start Up Guide and recently released her third book Why Saving Is Like Dieting and Budgets Don't Work. Susan believes that understanding your finances and monies is like learning a new language.

Her objective is to assist women to become informed, confident, participating financial decision makers and help them create whatever financial futures they aspire to. Her ability to make the difficult seem simple is one of the trademarks of her success.

For further information visit www.womensfinancialnetwork.com.au

WHEN: October 16th Geelong
October 23rd Mordialloc
November 13th Wangaratta
November 27th Bendigo

WHAT WILL THE WORKSHOPS BE ABOUT?

There are two workshops with the aim of both being to increase your knowledge around retirement issues and show you simple strategies that can help improve your future retirement security. You will receive a comprehensive workbook that will help you determine what you need to be doing. Further details for the retirement workshops are as follows:-

Workshop One (Dealing with Pre-Retirement Issues)

Planning for Retirement

Superannuation

Addressing the Shortfall

Getting The Right Advice

Workshop Two (Dealing with Post-Retirement Issues)

The Big Change

Age Pension

Retirement

Other Investments

Getting The Right Advice

COST: The cost of each workshop is \$15, which includes the workbook.

REGISTERING: In order to guarantee you a place you will need to book and pay in advance. All bookings are being handled by COTA (Council on the Ageing) and you can contact them via the following:-

Phone (03) 9655 2125 or 1800 136 381

Email cota@cotavic.org.au

Or you can download a booking form from www.cotavic.org.au or www.womensfinancialnetwork.com.au

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Community Snapshot of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services

Women's Health Victoria is an independent Victorian state-wide women's health promotion organisation run by women for women. We work to identify and respond to the health issues of the women of Victoria and, as part of that, ensure all women in Victoria have access to quality, women-responsive services that meet their health needs.

We have become aware recently of increasing evidence of restricted health services in certain areas of the state, particularly with regard to sexual and reproductive health, and are concerned about the impact of this on women.

In order to help us better understand women's experiences of sexual and reproductive health services across Victoria, we have developed this Community Snapshot information collection tool. It does not cover all areas of sexual and reproductive health services but rather focuses on a few specific areas.

The Community Snapshot will be distributed state-wide and the results will be used to support our advocacy for equity in women's access to a range of sexual and reproductive health services across Victoria.

We are relying on community support to help us with this. It would be great if you could complete the questions yourself and return it to us. And don't forget to forward it to your friends, family and networks.

<http://www.whv.org.au/news/SRHCommunity-Snapshot.pdf>

There is no closing date on the receipt of the completed Snapshot. If you have any questions, please contact us at Women's Health Victoria on 03 9662 3755 or 1800 133 321 or email us at whv@whv.org.au

FITTED FOR WORK

Fitted for Work's clients have been out of work for so long that they don't own interview appropriate clothing and certainly can't afford to buy the outfit they need. Because they have little or no work experience, even if they had the money our clients wouldn't know what to buy.

Clothing donations.

If you have professional clothing that you no longer wear, doesn't fit, or don't like any more, **Fitted for Work** needs it! And why not organize a clothing drive at your workplace? We need lightly used, clean, professional clothing and accessories - suits, trousers, skirts, shirts, jackets, coats, jumpers, shoes, bags, scarves, costume jewellery and unused hosiery.

For further information about clothing donations and drop off, please contact one of the following:

Markela Sargent, Coordinator, Clothing Collection (markela@tpg.com.au, 0408-397311/Burnley)

Kath Thomas (9499-7390/Ivanhoe)

Luciana Katsalidis (imunari@ozemail.com.au, 9419-2063/Fitzroy),

Glenys Mattei (dmattei@bigpond.net.au, 9531-1532/Elwood)

or deliver direct to DEAC, 8th Floor, 55 Swanston Street (corner Flinders Lane, 9650-2533)

If you'd like to help **Fitted for Work** connect women with work, please email your contact details to Helen Imber at helen.imber@hotmail.net.au

When Violence is the Issue

Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Centre

What do Indigenous women, CALD women and women with disabilities who experience family violence have in common? As women living with domestic and family violence they are diverse in their experiences. They need specialist services to understand and value their differences while drawing on their similarities to achieve a common goal - that is the safety of all women and children.

WHEN: **Tuesday 11 October 2005**
1.30pm to 4:30pm

WHERE: Hotel Y Conference Centre
489 Elizabeth Street Melbourne

COST: \$15:00
Women with a disability and their carers FREE

Invitation to a Panel Discussion on:

**The Future for Working Mothers:
The Implications of the Commonwealth Government's Industrial
Relations Proposals**

WHEN: Friday 14 October from 3.0 pm - 4.30pm
WHERE: The Australian Centre, the University of Melbourne
(Barry Street, Carlton just south of Grattan Street)

The panelists:

SHARAN BURROW President, Australian Council of Trade Unions

BELINDA PROBERT Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Australia
SARA CHARLESWORTH Research Fellow, Centre for Applied Social
Research, RMIT




Radio National: Street Stories

[Use My Body As A Bridge To The Other Side Of The River](#)

First broadcast was on Wednesday 21 September 2005

This program is a journey alongside three Melbourne women from Muslim communities who share their stories of change. Confronting stereotypes with good humour and thoughtfulness, Reem, Nazife and Suzanne break through barriers of sexism – in their own and in broader Australian cultural landscapes – to assert their own identities. [[more](#)]

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