

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST

E-BULLETIN-VOLUME 2

Dear Friend of the Trust,

Welcome to the second 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

Due to popular demand and the number of events and amount of information we wish to inform you about, the E-bulletin will be produced weekly!

We welcome feedback – just reply to this email.

ALERT

AUSTRALIAN STORY ABC TELEVISION

8pm THIS COMING MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 (Cup Eve)

The Walkley Award winning current affairs program will be featuring

Heather Osland

this coming Monday night (repeated next Saturday at 12.30pm).

The Victorian Women's Trust has been a long-time supporter of Heather Osland and we encourage members to watch her exclusive interview with Australian Story.

For more information, see 'Interview with the Activist', by Belinda Hawkins:
<http://theage.com.au/news/tv--radio/interview-with-the-activist/2005/10/25/1130239525316.html>

It's been a big year for everyone and now it's time to...

Celebrate!

Clear your diary, tell your friends, get booking!
Join us for a jazz-happy afternoon.

It's a Christmas, Come-End-Of-Year, Come-Just-For-The-Fun-Of-It-Party for the Victorian Women's Trust

What's happening?

Tracy Bartram singing live jazz

Where is it?

Dizzy's Jazz Bar 90 Swan St Richmond
(The original Post Office Building)

When is it?

Sunday 27th November
2-5 pm

How much?

\$25 Full Price \$15 Concession

Bookings Now

Bookings essential as the venue has limited space
Tickets are available from the Victorian Women's Trust
Phone: 03 9642 0422 Email: women@vwt.org.au

Women's Health West

Please find attached a media release containing information on an anti-violence art project conducted with young women in custody for

2005 Week Without Violence.

Artwork, poetry and animations have been published on the Women's Health West website and can now be viewed at <http://www.whwest.org.au/professional/wwov05.php>, as well a free anti-violence postcard is available for distribution to young and Indigenous people.

To check out the Give violence the Flick artwork and flick book animations on the WHW website you will need Quicktime to view them, which can be downloaded from <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/win.html> if you don't have it.



The Australian virtual Centre for Leadership for Women (CLW) at www.leadershipforwomen.com.au will be celebrating its 5 year Anniversary in September 2005. To coincide with this, CLW is launching a national Leadership Achievement Award Program for women.

The CLW Leadership Achievement Award has been established to recognize women in the community who use their own initiative to create and implement projects for the benefit of the community and in collaboration with the community. The Leadership Achievement Award is open to all Australian women 18 years and above. There is no fee for entry.

The Award will be run each year and will encompass achievements by the Entrants for the year prior to the Award and up to the closing date for the Award. This Award is unique in that it is a nation wide award for women who take on voluntary leadership roles in the community.

The 2005/6 Leadership Achievement Award is being sponsored by Fernwood Women's Health Club, motherInc.com.au and Living Now Magazine.

Details of this Award including statement of support from prominent female politicians is at: [CLW Leadership Achievement Award](#)
Or you can access the info at the menu for www.leadershipforwomen.com.au



Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities Working Towards the Elimination of Family Violence

HALF-DAY SEMINAR & AGM

The Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service (IWDVS) will hold its Annual General Meeting at The Queen Victoria Women's Centre, from 9am to 10am on Friday, November 25th. Please join us for an enjoyable morning coffee at our 21st Anniversary AGM, prior to the Seminar.

WHEN: Friday 25th November 2005

**WHERE: The Queen Victoria Women's Centre
Level 4, 210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne**

**TIME: 21st Anniversary AGM: 9.00am to 10.00am
Seminar: 10.00am to 1.00pm.**

To commemorate the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) and [White Ribbon Day](#), IWDVS is holding a seminar for ethnic community organisations; our partners and all services seeking to improve their response to family violence within culturally and linguistically diverse communities. White Ribbon Day symbolises men's commitment to end violence against women. Speakers will discuss ways of engaging men in the movement to eliminate family violence. The seminar will be interactive with opportunity for participants to discuss their own experiences in responding to family violence in their communities and to identify how ethnic organisations can improve outcomes for family violence through greater awareness and partnerships with key domestic violence services. This seminar is supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

Speakers

Diana Orlando

Executive Officer, Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service Victoria The role of culture in responding to family violence.

Rosemary Calder

United Nations Development Fund For Women (UNIFEM) Australia The role of UNIFEM in Australia and the campaign for national recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Stuart Webb

Victorian President, Amnesty International Australia "Women's Rights Are Human Rights" The role of Amnesty International Australia regarding violence against women.

Waleed Aly

Ambassador, United Nations Development Fund For Women (UNIFEM) Australia How can men uphold a woman's human right to live free of gender based violence and discrimination, regardless of their culture, tradition or custom. What strategies could ethnic community organizations use to engage their men to uphold a woman's safety?

Dr Ida Kaplan

Clinical Director, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Responding to torture and trauma experienced by refugee men, while holding them accountable for their use of violence.

REGISTRATION:

Fee is \$ 15.40

Please return registration form by Friday November 11th by fax or post.

You can contact IWDVS to request a registration form by email, iwdvs@infoxchange.net.au or telephone 03 84136899. IWDVS can email or fax a flyer and registration form to you.


Refreshments will be served. Please register your attendance for catering purposes.

Further Information:

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The Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service is a statewide service, providing support and crisis intervention to women and children of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, experiencing domestic violence. IWDVS believes that Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse communities have an important role in the work towards the elimination of violence against women.



This premier is a fundraiser for ANTaR's work in Victoria. Through the film we hope to continue to ignite the sense of urgency of reconciliation with Indigenous Australians.

You are invited to
Melbourne Premier / Preview of

RED DUST

starring **Hilary Swank**, two time Oscar Winner, **Million Dollar Baby** and **Boys don't Cry**
and **Chiwetel Ejiofor**, Multiple award nominee **Love Actually**, **Melinda and Melinda**.

A South African film telling the story of a young black politician who has the opportunity to speak against former abusers who tortured him, but opposes the amnesty application because he fears what the trial might reveal. (For more details about film read below)

WHEN: **Wednesday 9 November 2005 at 6.30pm**

WHERE: **Dendy Kino Cinema @ Collins Place,
cnr Collins Street and Exhibition Street, Melbourne**

COST: **tickets \$20 /\$15con includes free finger food
drinks sold at the bar
discount parking**

BOOKINGS: **phone ANTaR 03 9419 3613**

**or download a booking slip from our website
www.antarvictoria.org.au
raffle on the night with great prizes
All welcome**

Parking

Exclusive offer to Kino Dendy Cinema patrons at COLLINS PLACE carpark, Flinders Lane (enter via Spring St)! See film at Kino Dendy Cinema and first 2 hours of parking is absolutely free, after which it is only \$2 per hour (max 6 hours). Present your parking ticket at the box office to receive your discount.

Film based on book by Gillian Slovo, daughter of Joe Slovo and Ruth First who were prominent white activists against apartheid in South Africa, working with Nelson Mandela. Red Dust is a powerful drama, set against the backdrop of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission's hearings.

Director: Tom Hooper, veteran BBC drama maker including *Daniel Deronda*, *Prime Suspect*.

Stars: Hilary Swank, 2 time Oscar winner *Million Dollar Baby*, *Boys Don't Cry* and Chiwetel Ejiofor, Multiple award nominee *Love Actually*, *Melinda and Melinda*.

Screenplay: Troy Kennedy-Martin, *The Italian Job*, *The Edge of Darkness*

Producer: Anant Singh, *Cry the Beloved Country*.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) is a non profit organisation working to generate in Australia a moral and legal recognition of and respect for the rights of Indigenous Australians

Friends of the ABC Victoria - Media Matters!

There is no issue more important to the future of Australia than who owns our media. Media will shape the society we become. It is the gateway to information. We depend upon the media to scrutinise the actions of governments and other powerful bodies. Planned Federal Government changes to Australia's media ownership laws risk increasing the influence of already-powerful media proprietors.

Public Forum

- WHEN:** Wednesday 16 November, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
- WHERE:** Melbourne City Conference Centre
333 Swanston St (opp State Library)
- COST:** Entrance \$5
Tickets available at all Readings bookshops and at the door.

Julian Morrow - Satirist from The Chaser/CNNNN

Moderator: Phillip Adams - Writer and broadcaster

Robert Manne - Professor of Politics at La Trobe University. Robert recently edited *Do Not Disturb - Is the Media Failing Australia?*

Eric Beecher - Co-owner of Crikey.com, founder of Text Media and former editor Melbourne Herald

Margaret Simons - journalist and author

Australian culture and democracy depend on diverse media ownership and healthy independent public broadcasting. Every person, every organisation should be concerned.

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