

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bacchus Marsh

Saturday, 2nd November
1.00pm to 3.00pm
Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street

Adoption Awareness: The Personal Effects

Join us to explore how adoption affects different people, in different ways.

Gary Coles who is a father will consider the impact of adoption, based on his and others' experiences. He has written three books about the topic and will discuss the delivery of post-adoption services.

Charlotte Smith is an adoptee and a passionate advocate for post-adoption support. She will talk about why adoption might affect different people in different ways, and the role of mutual support.

Traralgon

Saturday, 9th November
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Information Session: After Adoption - Search and Support

Come and hear from VANISH (Victorian Adoption Network for Information and Self-Help) and local people about the impact of adoption, how to search and the role of mutual support.

Venue to be confirmed.

For more information and other events visit <http://vanish.org.au/news-events/events>

NEXT SOCIAL MORNING TEA

VANISH, North Melbourne

Friday, 29 November 2013

OPEN TO EVERYONE

TRAINING

Looking through the 'lens of adoption' in working with loss and trauma

VANISH is conducting several two day training programs for GPs, health and welfare professionals and counsellors. There are three training events currently scheduled. The first is being held with

Inner North West Medicare Local on 10th and 11th October, the second with **Loddon-Mallee Medicare Local on 14th and 15th November** and the third with **Eastern Medicare Local on 21st and 22nd November**.

To obtain the registration form for any of these events please email training@vanish.org.au.

Further events will be organised for later in the year and early in 2014. Please email if you would like to be sent notifications about these events. A general information flyer can be viewed at <http://vanish.org.au/professionals/counsellor-training>

VANISH additional news

September 2013

Forced Adoptions Service Providers Scoping Study

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has commissioned the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) to undertake the **Forced Adoptions Service Providers Scoping Study**. The study will be conducted between August 2013 and February 2014.

The purpose of the scoping study is to build on previous AIFS research *Past Adoption Experiences: National Research Study on the Service Response to Past Adoption Practice (2012)* and to develop options for service models that will enhance and complement the existing services to improve support for people affected by forced adoption policies and practices.

Further information about the scoping study can be found at www.aifs.gov.au/pae/scopingstudy

National Archives of Australia - Forced Adoptions History Project



National
Apology for
Forced Adoptions



Australian Government



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Your story, our history

Following the National Apology by former Prime Minister Julia Gillard on 21 March 2013, the National Archives of Australia established a project team to deliver a website, exhibition and education program that meets the objectives of:

- increasing awareness and understanding of experiences of individuals affected by forced adoption practices; and
- identifying and sharing experiences of forced adoption.

In working on these developments, the National Archives is conscious of the very personal and emotional nature of these experiences, which former Prime Minister Julia Gillard described as having contributed to 'a lifelong legacy of pain and suffering' for many Australians.

The National Archives wants to ensure that what is created reflects the diversity of experiences in a respectful and thoughtful manner. The National Archives' web page at <http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/partnerships/forced-adoptions.aspx> is a first point of contact and a place for initial Expressions of Interest and suggestions for the new dedicated website.