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INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ABUSE:

RESPONSES TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION AND OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Each year, VWL's Justice Committee holds a sexual assault forum which focusses on topical legal issues relating to sexual assault and abuse.

This year, our focus will be on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This is a particularly timely discussion in light of the recent hearings in Melbourne.

Our panel will share their thoughts on the Royal Commission, and provide an insight into other recent issues including the government's response to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations.

This event is kindly hosted by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers.

DATE

Tuesday 2 September 2014

TIME

5:30pm for registration and refreshments

6:00 – 7:30pm forum

LOCATION

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
Level 10, 456 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne 3000

COST

We suggest providing a gold coin donation to Broken Rites Australia (collection at door)

REGISTRATION

www.vwl.asn.au/events

FACILITATOR:



DR VIVIAN WALLER

Vivian is a solicitor and the principal of Waller Legal, a legal practice that is dedicated to looking after victims of crime and those who have endured sexual assault or child abuse.

Vivian is known for her determination and compassion in representing victims of institutional abuse.

SPEAKERS:



CHRISSIE FOSTER

Chrissie lived a happy life until she discovered that two of her three daughters had been sexually assaulted by her parish priest. The assaults took place over a number of years while they were in primary school, but she didn't know until March 1996. Now, 17 years later, Chrissie is still fighting for justice, accountability and honesty.



JENNY HARDY

Jenny is the Executive Officer of Knowmore, a national independent legal advisory service which provides legal advice and assistance to people who are engaging with, or are considering engaging with, the Commonwealth Royal Commission into institutional child sexual abuse. Jenny is a former CEO of Legal Aid Queensland and a former Deputy Director of the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission.



ANDREA LOCKHART

Andrea is a senior counsellor at the Ballarat Centre Against Sexual Assault. A large part of her work relates to institutional abuse, and she co-facilitates a men's support group for survivors. This 'Ballarat survivors group' includes over 50 members, which prepared a group submission to the Royal Commission.

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