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**Stolen Generations Victoria Launch *Unfinished Business* Report**

Stolen Generations Victoria will launch their latest report, *Unfinished Business*, on December 17 at the Aborigines Advancement League in Thornbury.

*Unfinished Business* is the result of 16 forums held throughout Victoria in 2008 in which around 200 members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities, were consulted.

The report addresses the urgent needs of the Stolen Generations living in Victoria identified by the themes of reparations, restitution and rehabilitation.

12 recommendations are made in the report, calling upon both State and Federal governments to make good on their apology and adhere to their commitment to 'close the gap'.

Stolen Generations Victoria chairperson Lyn Austin stated, "While Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology was appreciated, there are still many issues that haven't been addressed.

"We call on government to seriously consider and implement these very practical and achievable recommendations made in *Unfinished Business*."

The report also highlights the fact that it has been over ten years since the release of *Bringing Them Home*, the report which first detailed the plight of the Stolen Generations. *Bringing Them Home* made 54 recommendations yet most have not been implemented.

Interestingly, the recommendations made in *Unfinished Business* echo the original 54, demonstrating that the needs of the Stolen Generations have not changed. One thing that has changed, though, is the number of survivors - many elders continue to pass away having seen little done to address this injustice.

Stolen Generations Victoria is a community controlled organisation committed to assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people taken as part of past child removal policies.

All are invited to attend the launch of *Unfinished Business* at the Aborigines Advancement League, 2 Watt Street Thornbury at 10am. Former Democrats Senator Andrew Bartlett will address the launch.

**Ends**

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