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Dear All,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and good spirits. I hope that you have a great Easter break and enjoy the time to catch up with friends and family. Remember that May 26 is coming up soon - you will find an invitation to a commemorative lunch at the League attached in this letter.

As always, feel free to call us at the office or drop in if you would like to get involved with the organisation in any way. With events such as the Ballarat trip happening for members, there is always a lot on so don't be shy, get involved!

Monthly Support Groups - Melbourne

The next support group in Melbourne will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 11am (lunch provided). Simon Flagg from the Public Records Office of Victoria will be attending to talk about a trip to the records office to find information on people's families.

The trip will potentially happen in the May support group meeting. If you would like to be involved in finding more information about your family, then come along to the support group and have a yarn to Simon.

It would be very helpful for Simon if you are able to bring the names of any family members you would like to research and any additional information (such as birth dates) which might be useful. Simon can then find any records and have them waiting for you to have a look at when we go there in May.

For more information, contact Jade Johnson or Alister McKeich at Stolen Generations Victoria.

Regional Support Groups

As you may be aware, support groups are being set up in some of our regional centres. If you would like to get involved, please contact your local Bringing Them Home worker.

Warrnambool:	Trish McGregor	5564 3333
Ballarat:	Vicki Peart	5331 5344
Dandenong:	Patrick Farrent	9794 1247
Heywood:	Daryl Rose	5527 2051
Healesville:	Gail Grozier	1300 130 381
Geelong:	Marika Cox	5277 0044
Echuca:	Nolita Edwards	5482 6566

May 26 Commemoration Lunch

May 26 is coming up soon and to commemorate the day SGV will be holding a lunch at the Aborigines Advancement League between 10am and 2pm. There will be a short commemorative service and some entertainment, and a good lunch for everyone.

Members of the Stolen Generations and their partners are invited to attend, but please RSVP with Troy Brickell at SGV by April 30. See the enclosed invite for more information.

NSW Stolen Wages Program: Deadline May 31

Attention all descendants of Cummergunja and NSW: NSW Link Up need to check makes sure all possible claimants and their descendents are registered with the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme before the May 31st 2009 deadline.

Stolen Wages is money that was taken from Indigenous people's wages, pensions, child endowment payments, inheritances and lump sum compensation payments. It was either not paid or was put into trust funds.

These funds were administered by the Aboriginal Protections Board, later the Aborigines Welfare Board. In many cases people didn't know about that they had a trust fund existed and of course, many did not give permission for the Government to take their money.

Any inquiries should be directed to Jade Johnson at Stolen Generations Victoria.

Mang-Mang: Victorian Reflections on the National Apology to the Stolen Generations

Mang-Mang is a Woiwurrung expression of Southern Victoria which means to remember. It is pronounced 'mung-mung'.

Sorry was just the first step. Now it is time to open a new chapter in our history and Reconciliation Victoria want to hear your voice!

- Where were you and how did you feel when you heard the National Apology to the Stolen Generations?
- What should the Victorian Government do over the next 12 months to make the Apology real?
- What will you do to strengthen reconciliation in your own school, organisation or community?

You can make your submission using poetry, music, lyrics, artwork, drawings, photography, film or voice recordings. Submissions are due by Friday, 8 May 2009.

Submissions collected from the *mang-mang* project will be displayed publicly during Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June 2009. For more information go to www.reconciliationvic.org.au or call Veronica Bradford at Rec Vic on 9662 1645.

Sincerely,



Bradley Brown
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