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Dear All,

What a great NAIDOC Week! Staff at Stolen Generations Victoria were pleased to be involved, and a big thank you goes out to everyone who participated in our Open Day.

For those who couldn't make the Open Day, feel free to drop by and see some of the changes around the office. Everyone is welcome and you can still pick up a NAIDOC Week jumper made especially for Stolen Generations members.

## **Regional Forums**

As most of you may know, we are traveling around a bit, holding forums in some of the regional centres. We hope to hear from as many members as possible as to the future of Sorry Day and to discuss the role of SGV.

Dates for the Unfinished Business forums are:

- Traralgon: August 1
- Shepparton: August 8
- Horsham: August 12 (*yet to be confirmed, keep an eye out for details*)
- Ballarat: August 14
- Bendigo: August 18
- Warrnambool: August 18
- Dandenong: September 17

More dates are to be announced. SGV are holding the forums in cooperation with the local BTH worker in that area and you can check for details (such as where and what time) on our website: [www.stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au](http://www.stolengenerationsvictoria.org.au)

## **Melbourne Support Group**

For the Melbourne mob, we are looking to hold the first of our support groups on **Tuesday August 12** here at Stolen Generations Victoria. We will talk about what members would like to do in a support group - this may include watching DVD's, getting in specific speakers, or just talking about what ever people want to talk about.

There are opportunities for going on outings or doing activities which we can discuss more about. It may be that at different times we decide to break into a men's business, women's business groups. Come to our first support meeting and let us know what you would like to get from your involvement in the group.

**Care Leaver Focus Group:**

**New service for care leavers in Victoria – Your view needed**

The Department of Human Services would like to hear the views of care leavers about a proposed new service for people who grew up in children's homes, orphanages or foster care between 1920 and the introduction of the *Children and Young Persons Act* in 1989.

This service will be for ALL care leavers - mainstream and Aboriginal people. Once established, it will provide information and assistance to access other services such as housing, counseling and legal services; search services; material assistance; and support for care leavers and their families.

Stolen Generations Victoria is hosting a focus group to hear from Aboriginal care leavers what you would like to see happen with this service. We are planning to hold this on **Thursday August 28 at 10.30am** here at SGV.

We will provide lunch so need to know the numbers. Please call us at SGV if you are able to come. We need to make sure DHS hears the views of Aboriginal care leavers to make sure your needs get met out of this funding.

**Call for Volunteers**

We would also like to invite members to volunteer for a couple of projects. We are putting together some information and education kits to be sent around to schools and other services. If you are interested in helping in any way, give us a call.

**Photography Project**

If you would like to be involved in a project that researches photographs to tell Stolen Generations stories, please call Alister on 9470 3477 for more information. This could even be a good chance to research your own story.

**Change of Address**

And lastly, if you've moved house or changed contact details recently (or know someone who has) please let us know – that way we can stay in touch. Give Troy a ring on 03) 9470 3477.

With so much going on, I'm sure we'll see you soon.

Sincerely,



Bradley Brown  
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