

No 10. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013 Edition



This special edition of the Seniors Rights Victoria e-newsletter features activities for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June. Please forward it on through your networks.

Say 'NO' to elder abuse

June 15 is the annual day to raise awareness of elder abuse throughout the world. It is a day to say “NO” to elder abuse and let older people know they have the right to live without fear and abuse.

You can get involved by wearing something purple to show the world you care about ending elder abuse and by getting involved in the many events outlined here.

Arts Centre spire to glow purple for elder abuse awareness



Watch for a purple hue over the city skyline as the Arts Centre spire joins in the activities to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013.

Seniors Rights Victoria will be at Federation Square celebrating the spire lighting and distributing free purple ribbons on Friday 14 June.



Shepparton hosts Peter Russell Clarke



Iconic TV presenter, artist and author Peter Russell Clarke will be the special guest speaker at a free community event in Shepparton to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and celebrate the contribution seniors make to our community.

When: Monday 17 June 2013, 10:30am

Where: North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre, 10-14 Parkside Drive.

RSVP to Elaine on 5444 4364 or elaine@lcclc.org.au by 11 June. **View or download the flyer for more information**

Bendigo awareness raising



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities in Bendigo will again feature the town's iconic tram displaying the message: My World - Your World - Our World - Free of Elder Abuse. Other activities include a Morning Tea to announce a collaboration between Seniors Rights Victoria and the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria and the floodlighting of the Bendigo Town Hall in purple. For more information contact

Elaine at Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre on 5444 4364 or email elaine@lcclc.org.au

Frankston Seniors Rights Walk for Action



Put on your purple gear and join in the activities to raise awareness of elder abuse at Frankston on Monday 17 June 2013:

MEET 10am at Keast Park, 18 Nepean Hwy, Seaford. Map Ref - 97 - D10

WALK along Nepean Hwy – don't forget to wear something purple. ARRIVE at Seaford Community Centre (approx distance 1.5 km)

and enjoy morning tea (provided), speeches, entertainment and a chat. **For more information view the flyer.**

Cancellation of Respecting Choices - Protecting Rights Forum

Due to the unavailability of key speakers on the topics for the proposed forum Respecting Choices – Protecting Rights, the forum will NOT be held. Seniors Rights Victoria will focus on community based activities for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013. We apologise for any inconvenience.

COTA Conference Wednesday 5 June



Register now to attend this key event for older Victorians and organisations with an interest in issues that impact on older people. To be held on Wednesday 5 June at Bayview Eden, 6 Queens Rd Melbourne from 10:00am to 4:00pm, the conference will provide information about rights as they are experienced by older people from their back yard to the international arena. To register and for more information visit the [COTA webpage](#). **Registrations extended until Monday 3 June**

National Elder Abuse Conference - Adelaide

Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) will host the second national conference to observe World Elder Abuse Day on 17 & 18 June in Adelaide. The conference theme will explore how to build a national approach to prevent elder abuse. For more information contact: aras@agedrights.asn.au

New Help Sheets - Safety Planning for older people



Our very popular safety planning sheets are now available in an updated form. *Plan For Your Safety* is a practical guide to help older people think about their safety and to record important numbers and items to take if leaving home in a hurry. *Safety Planning With Older People* is a complimentary sheet for workers; it gives useful tips for working through a safety plan and includes personal safety, home safety and financial safety. Visit our [safety planning webpage](#) for more information and to download copies.

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