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Seniors Rights Victoria publishes this e-newsletter regularly, bringing you information about issues related to elder abuse in the community. Please forward it on through your networks. We welcome your feedback - email us at info@seniorsrights.org.au

New Greek & Chinese community resources



New elder abuse community resources in **Greek** and **Chinese** are now available. They include a pamphlet for older people and their families and a community education resource kit for services working with these communities.

These are the first in a series of resources being developed by the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) as part of a project to increase awareness of elder abuse in ethnic communities. The project is being conducted by ECCV in partnership with ethnic and

multicultural organisations and Seniors Rights Victoria. It aims to deliver culturally appropriate messages about elder abuse, its prevention and pathways to support. For more information, including copies of the community education kits, [visit ECCV](#) or contact Fiona York, Seniors Project Officer on 9349 4122.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013



An array of awareness raising events and activities across Victoria ensured that this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 15 June was a great success.

Seniors Rights Victoria staff, volunteers and supporters celebrated the lighting of the Arts Centre spire in purple from a vantage point in Federation Square, where purple ribbons were distributed to passers-by, along with information about elder abuse.

The historic Bendigo Post Office joined in the activities, taking on a magnificent purple hue. The town's iconic tram played its part with the message: *"My World - Your World - Our World - Free of Elder Abuse"* displayed.

Shepparton hosted iconic TV presenter Peter Russell Clarke at a free community event, Frankston seniors braved cold, wind and rain to take the annual Seniors Rights Walk and people wearing

purple could be found all over the state. [Read more about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2013.](#)



Awareness raising at Federation Square



Bendigo Post Office



Wodonga seniors morning tea, forum & balloon release



Peter Russell Clarke speaking to seniors at Shepparton



Flemington Older Chinese Community at Serendip



Frankston Seniors Rights Walk

Norma's Project



Norma's Project was established in December 2011 to prevent the sexual assault of older women in Australia. The success of the program depends on the development and engagement of a wide range of community groups, service providers and others to implement strategies for primary prevention.

[Norma's project website](#) provides information and resources to support this. Norma's Network is a way that organisations and groups can be kept up to date with the Project's progress. [Contact Norma's Network.](#)

Report examines adult protection in USA, Canada and UK

Dr John Chesterman's Churchill Fellowship report outlines the findings of his examination of adult protection schemes in Washington State (USA), Nova Scotia (Canada), Scotland and England (UK). It makes a series of recommendations to improve the protection of at-risk adults in Victoria. Dr John Chesterman is Manager of Policy and Education at the Office of the Public Advocate. [Download the report.](#)

Filipino Community tackles elder abuse



Representatives of Filipino community groups across Victoria are participating in an advisory group to tackle the issue of elder abuse. The group has been formed as part of a project by Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria's (ECCV). [Read more.](#)

Elder Law Review

The latest edition of the [Elder Law Review](#) deals with issues such as capacity and elder abuse and whether special laws are needed to deal with vulnerable elders. It includes an article by Seniors Rights Victoria's Louise Kyle entitled: *'Out of the Shadows: A Discussion on Law Reform for the Prevention of Financial Abuse of Older People'*. It also contains a review of Seniors Rights Victoria's recent publications: [Assets for Care - A Guide for Lawyers](#) and [Care for Your Assets](#), a guide for older people.

Elder abuse & family violence forums

The Domestic Violence Victoria supported Elder Abuse Prevention and Response forums are continuing to be rolled out across the State. Recent forums in Mildura and Ballarat were attended by diverse agencies, with presentations from Seniors Rights Victoria and Office of Public Advocate as well as local services.

A 'hypothetical' followed, where participants were involved in unpacking an elder abuse scenario. This gave the opportunity to identify identify different service delivery models and referral pathways as well as some of the challenges professionals face when addressing elder abuse. Upcoming forums will be held in Whittlesea, Kialla, Western Melbourne, Warrnambool, St Kilda and Geelong. [Read more.](#)

New Electronic Case Conferencing Site

Eastern Community Legal Centre's elder abuse project recently launched an exciting and innovative electronic system which allows service providers who are members of the network to collaborate via email when they are dealing with known or suspected cases of elder abuse. [Read more.](#)

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