

WELCOME!

Welcome back to the second edition of your **ANPEA Newsletter**. Since the December edition membership numbers have grown and interest has now expanded to all States and Territories.

If conferences push your buttons, we have conferences for you. This edition contains information about the:

- ARAS National Elder Abuse Conference to be held in Adelaide on 17/18 June 2013;
- 6th World Summit on Mediation with Age Related Issues, University of South Australia;
- Preliminary advice about the 2014 Conference to be held in Perth on 4/5 September 2014;

Would you like to learn a little about how **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** began way back in 1948? You might like to browse the inspiring ideas suggested by ARAS for raising awareness of the day with your colleagues or clients.

You will find a report on the **Health, Wealth and Hearth (Housing) Seminar** which was held at the University of Western Australia in February last, together with links to some useful resources provided by the **Older Womens' Network** for a range of potentially abusive situations, kindly made available by Sue Field.

ANPEA SUPPORT SOUGHT BY THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) has asked ANPEA to support its bid to host the World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Sydney in 2021. A decision on the venue for 2021 will be made at the World Congress in Seoul in June 2013.

To assist the AAG in the bid, you can send a letter. Locate the template here [AAG Support Template](#)

CARE FOR YOUR ASSETS: MONEY AGEING AND FAMILY (SENIORS RIGHTS VICTORIA PUBLICATION)

Many people choose to live with family members as they age and need a bit more support. This may involve selling a property or assets and giving the money to someone who has agreed to provide care. These arrangements often work well, but if things go wrong it can be devastating for the older person.

Care for your Assets is a free booklet from Seniors Rights Victoria. It will help you think through your issues and ensure your interests are protected. It also lists where you can go for more information and confidential advice.

For your free copy contact **Seniors Rights Victoria** Phone 1300 368 821 or email info@seniorsrights.org.au

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

The history of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) dates back to 1948. Following the Holocaust of World War 2, many people were murdered, tortured or unwillingly relocated. Argentina, led by Eva Peron, began the movement for the first United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons. Later several other South American countries with similar values began a regional convention.

In Australia, support for building world awareness of elder abuse, developed from a nucleus of dedicated individuals who formed the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 1997. Since that time INPEA has promoted leadership to governments, non-government organisations and other agencies to raise awareness of and prepare to reduce elder abuse through education.

A research partnership between the World Health Organisation and INPEA in 2002, resulted in raising awareness of the extent of elder abuse throughout the world. The United Nations Plan of Action, recognising the role of education and training in preventing and reducing elder abuse, was adopted by all member countries.

On 15 June 2006, INPEA instituted WEAAD in New York and promoted activities around the world to publicise WEAAD. The United Nations General Assembly officially recognised elder abuse as an under reported global social issue which affects the health and human rights of millions of people.

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Since that time annual commemorations of WEAAD have been held in Geneva (2007), Ottawa (2008), Paris (2009), Toronto (2010), London (2011) and Prague (2012). This year WEAAD activities will be led from Seoul.

WHAT THE DAY IS ABOUT

World Elder Abuse Awareness day seeks to prevent elder abuse incidents by giving targeted information and encouraging community participation on a broad scale. The day is about all of us working together to bring greater recognition of the mistreatment of older people wherever they live, and to highlight the need for appropriate action.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Anyone can participate to help raise awareness about World Elder Abuse Awareness day. We encourage organisations such as aged care facilities, day centres, hospitals, and individuals whatever your postcode. Join us if you are passionate about upholding older peoples' rights to live without exploitation, abuse or fear.

NEED IDEAS? LOOK HERE:

- http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au/files/142_community_tool_kit.pdf
- Ageless Alliance tool kit and videos available at www.agelessalliance.org/

BUILDING A NATIONAL APPROACH TO PREVENT ABUSE

The Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) is proud to host the second national conference to observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) in 2013. The conference theme explores how we take up the challenge of creating a coordinated national approach in Australia for preventing and responding to elder abuse. At a national level there is need for a meaningful shared vision so that the various states and territory initiatives can be shared and progressed.

- Master of Ceremonies is Dr Sally Cockburn, (aka Dr Feelgood), high profile media presenter ranked in the top 10 speakers in Australia, who champions those who feel disempowered.
 - The conference brings together a range of experts from across the disciplines, including a return visit from Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney, Head of Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, San Diego DA's Office, to inspire us with his prosecutorial panache.
 - Mark Crofton, the Official Solicitor, Qld Public Trustee; Simon Biggs, Professor of Gerontology and Social Policy, Uni. Of Melbourne; Susan Emerson, Director, Care Environments and Service Strategy, Helping Hand Aged Care, and Dr John Brayley, Public Advocate SA, are among the speakers who will impress with their work to prevent and address elder abuse.
- There will be opportunities to explore the key themes in elder abuse in the concurrent sessions, with case reflections. Response agencies across Australia will showcase their research, innovations and programs that assist older people to prevent abuse.
 - The program will interest the community and residential aged care sector; legal workers, medical and hospital staff, academia and the financial industry – in fact everyone who has an interest in raising the profile and furthering their knowledge in this challenging field.

Further information about the program, speakers and panelists are listed will be available in the **Conference Handbook** on the ARAS website
http://www.sa.agedrights.asn.au/files/181_program_overview_incl_sponsors.pdf

Attached to the Handbook, please find the **Registration Brochure** which includes an overview of the program, a description of the Concurrent Sessions from which to choose, and information about the registration process.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in June!

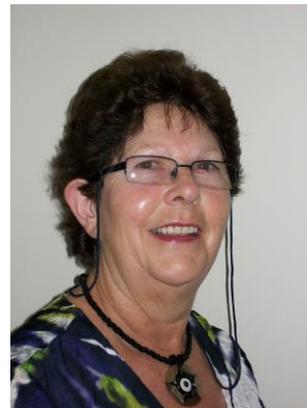
CONTACTS

Below are some useful contacts in the area of elder abuse in Australia. If there are other services you would like included, please send them to

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- Advocare (WA) Phone 08 9479 7566; Website www.advocare.org.au
 - Older People's Rights Service (OPRS) (WA) Phone 08 9440 1663; Website <http://www.nsclegal.org.au>
 - Greg Mahney International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) Representative Phone 08 9479 7566; email gregm@advocare.org.au; website www.advocare.org.au or www.inpea.net
 - Advocacy Tasmania Phone 03 6224 2240; Website www.advocacytasmania.com.au
 - Aged Rights Advocacy Service (SA) Phone 08 8232 5377; Website www.sa.agedrights.asn.au
 - Elder Abuse Prevention Unit (Queensland) Phone 07 3867 2525; Website www.eapu.com.au
 - Seniors Rights Victoria Phone 1300 368 821; Website www.seniorsrights.org.au
 - Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS), Adelaide Phone 08 8232 5377; website www.sa.agedrights.asn.au
- ACT Office for Ageing: http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/wac/ageing/elderabuse_prevention_and_assistance.
 - ACT Older Persons Abuse Prevention Referral and Information Line (APRIL). This is a confidential telephone service for callers who want to discuss elder abuse issues and seek advice and referral on options. The service operates during business hours. The APRIL number is 02 6205 3535.

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