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The Incest Survivors Association (Inc.)

Minister for Child Protection Launches ISA Strategic Plan

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Minister Robyn McSweeney chats with the Board

Pictured (L-R) : Angela Loxton (Deputy Chairperson), Anne Pekaar (Chairperson), Robyn McSweeney, Minister for Child Protection, Clare Robbins (Board Member)



Wednesday 5th October was an important night for ISA, with the culmination of months of hard work resulting in the launch of our strategic plan. We were fortunate to have the Minister for Child Protection, Ms Robyn McSweeney join us on this important occasion. In her speech launching the plan, the Minister highlighted the importance of this area of work, drawing on her own work experiences in regional WA as a social worker, where she encountered a high need for child protection services. Her personal interest and commitment was evident in the fact that

she fitted this engagement into an extremely busy day, making the journey back from Busselton specially to attend. Following the launch, the Minister spent some time mingling with the invited guests, who appreciated her understanding and encouragement. Also present were representatives from the Department for Child Protection, City of Vincent, and other Government Departments and community agencies, as well as ISA volunteers, staff and members.

The 2011-2014 Strategic Plan: the way forward

ISA's strategic plan focuses on 4 main areas:

- ◇ Governance,
- ◇ Service Delivery,
- ◇ Organisational Development and Sustainability, and
- ◇ Organisational Profile.

A key goal has been developed for each area, with strategies identified and measurable outcomes established. The focus is on establishing a sustainable organisational framework and reliable resources underpinned by clear and transparent management and evidence based practice, as well as partnerships and collegiate relationships with other organisations.



City of Vincent Councillor Taryn Harvey (representing the Mayor) and ISA Chairperson Anne Pekaar listen to the Minister's speech

Thanks go to Barbara Gatter for her assistance in developing and articulating our plan. Copies of the Strategic Plan are available on the website at www.isa.asn.au or by contacting us on (08) 9227 8745.

We're in Rockingham!

ISA is delighted to announce that in partnership with South Coastal Women's Health Service, we will now be operating in the Rockingham area. ISA Senior Counsellor Jo Moore will be available on

alternate Tuesdays from SCWHS offices is Civic Boulevard Rockingham commencing September 2011. Appointment bookings and referrals can be made via ISA's East Perth Office on 9227 8745 or by emailing Jo at counsellor@isa.asn.au.

The ISA Board

Chairperson:	Anne Pekaar
Deputy Chairperson:	Angela Loxton
Treasurer:	Ron Mathieson
Secretary:	Ali White
Board Members:	Clare Robbins Estelle Gom

The Board welcomes Ali White, our new Secretary. Ali comes to us with a wealth of experience in the not-for-profit sector. Having trained as a nurse in the early 1980's and worked for 11 years in the acute and aged care sectors, Ali is currently the General Manager Southern Cross Housing overseeing Southern Cross Care's Community Housing and Chief Manager of SCC's retirement Villages. Ali is also a member of the WA Retirement Villages Association Regional Board, the Community Housing Coalition of WA, and is WA Standards Manager for the Retirement Villages Association Accreditation Scheme.



Department for Child Protection representative Matthew McGerr and ISA Coordinator Leone Shiels share thoughts at the Strategic Planning launch

From the Coordinator

What an exciting time we've had since our last newsletter! Our AGM was a great time to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. We welcome new board member Ali White who joins us as ISA secretary. We say a fond farewell and we express our gratitude to retiring board members Cara Breuder and Anne Nicholls, who have given so much of their time to ISA over the years.

Plans for more permanent accommodation for ISA are progressing, with scoping undertaken and a number of options being exam-

ined. Applications for funding and other legal requirements have been submitted. We hope to have exciting news in our next newsletter—stay tuned!

We have had a number of recent contacts from isolated areas in rural WA and interstate. It's good to see our website achieving its objective of bringing much needed information to isolated people dealing with the trauma of child sexual abuse.

Leone Shiels, ISA Coordinator

25 years on, Lois is still smiling!

In September this year, our wonderful Office Manager, Lois Lloyd celebrated 25 years of service with ISA. Lois is the first face you see when you come to ISA, and many cards of thanks from clients over the years is a testament to how much she is valued. At a celebratory lunch, Lois was presented with a token of ISA's appreciation. We hope you'll be with us for another 25 years, Lois!



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HEALING THE PAST.....

...is easier said than done.

Childhood abuse – you want to forget it! Sometimes, you don't even want to acknowledge it's happening or happened!

Survivors, friends of survivors and those affected by incest and childhood sexual abuse and trauma – we are here to help and support you.

Incest Survivors' Association (ISA) provides professional counselling and support services in a safe and confidential environment for adults and children from 8 years of age.

Please contact us on 9227-8745 or visit www.isa.asn.au

Useful Resources

Information about child sexual abuse

www.aifs.gov.au/nch Australian Institute of Family Studies. National Child Protection Clearinghouse. Information on child abuse and child protection

www.asca.org.au For survivors of childhood abuse. Information and other resources

www.childsafetyaustralia.com.au/community/child_abuse Information about child sexual abuse, signs of abuse, child protection

www.nswrapecrisis.com.au Information about sexual Violence/ Information for survivors of child sexual abuse

www.secasa.com.au Child sexual abuse impacts and other information

Some relevant WA Government Agencies

www.childprotection.wa.gov.au Department for Child Protection, WA

www.communities.wa.gov.au/childrenandfamilies/parentingwa Parenting support and information

www.legalaid.wa.gov.au For those seeking legal advice

Child protection on the internet

www.cybersmart.gov.au Information to manage internet safety

