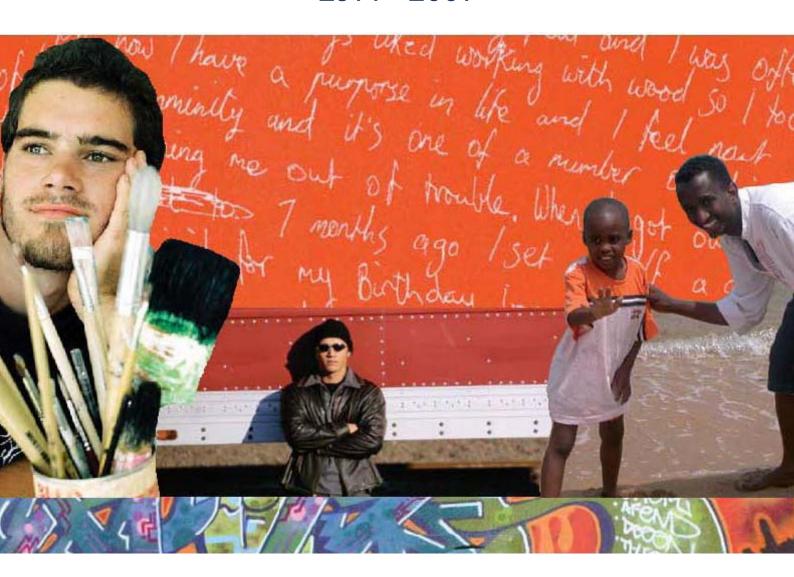
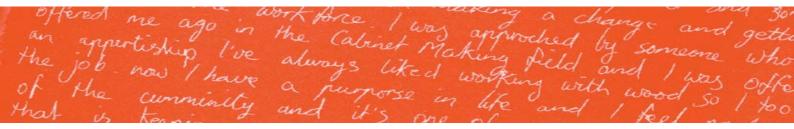


Celebrating 30 years 1977 - 2007



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Our Vision

Building a just society

Our Mission

Standing in solidarity with those in need Expressing a faith that promotes justice

Jesuit Social Services works to build a just society by advocating for social change and promoting the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged young people, families and communities.

In 1977 we began our work with young people exiting prison and juvenile custodial facilities. Our current programs have broadened to include other young people with multiple and complex problems, vulnerable families and disadvantaged communities. Jesuit Social Services currently runs 15 different program streams.

Our program work informs our policy focus. Through our engagement with disadvantaged people we identify areas of unmet need, conduct research and use our findings to advocate for change.

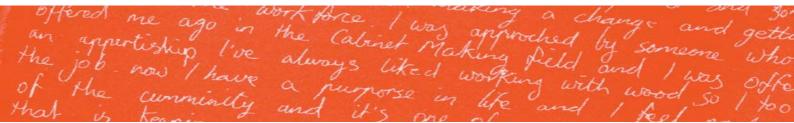
Governance

Jesuit Social Services is a work of the Australian Jesuit Province operating under an independent Board of Directors as an incorporated organisation. As at January 2008 there are currently 12 members on the Jesuit Social Services Board of Directors, of which 6 are Provincial appointments and 7 are Ordinary Directors

Jesuit Social Services legal status is:

- A Company Limited by Guarantee
- A Registered Charity and holds an Endorsement for Charity Tax Concessions / holds Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) status (tax deductibility for donations)
- Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT) Exempt.





Message from the Jesuit Provincial

There is something very surprising about this report on Jesuit Social Services. Jesuit Social Services deals with people who suffer violence, anguish and rejection. Yet in what follows you will encounter only energy, hope, solidarity and smiles.

Stories about young people suffering abuse or in prison, about families isolated and struggling to make ends meet, about refugees struggling to overcome rejection, can surely be depressing. Social crises can leave us feeling powerless and discouraged. Yet we discover that our face-to-face contact with such people is invariably inspiring. We cannot but be moved by the resilience and energy of many of our friends to overcome great disadvantage. You will see in these pages that close contact with young adults and others in crisis energises Jesuit Social Services workers and volunteers, motivates and instructs them.



We Jesuits know that when we seek to reconcile the estranged, the stolen generations, the exiles, the survivors of sexual abuse, the rejected young, then we ourselves are surprised, transformed, and our faith deepens. We become more inclusive, we learn respect, and we come closer to our mission, to what the Gospel asks of us.

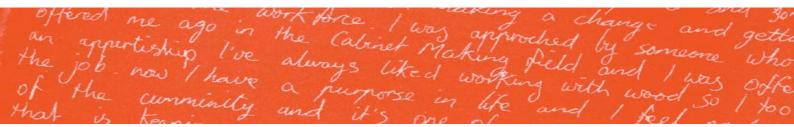
Jesuit Social Services has a privileged place among the Australian Jesuits. Our highest compliment on congratulating Jesuit Social Services on its great work is to ask it to do more. In its 30th year of service Jesuit Social Services has been asked to spread out and to go national. Until now, only its research and advocacy had a nation-wide reach. Now Jesuit Social Services begins to put down new roots outside Victoria, extending the direct services it offers, and the credibility it gains.

Further, by the end of 2008, Jesuit Volunteers Australia, a program of Jesuit Social Services, will draw on the organisation's experience and will be up and running in four States across Australia, offering opportunities to the young and the not so young, to engage in well planned service of our brothers and sisters.

The Australian Jesuits rely on Jesuit Social Services to take us deeper into our project of discernment to discover across Australia, those places of surprise, solidarity, hope and energy, places of new life and possibilities for community that will change and enrich us all.

Jesuit Social Services relies on your generosity and on the help of many people to realise this vision in very practical ways.

Mark Raper SJ Australian Jesuit Provincial



Chairman's Message

Our 30th Anniversary year has been a time of celebration, reflection, consolidation and expansion. It also has been an intense period for strategic planning for 2008 - 2010.

In 2007, Fr Mark Raper SJ, the Provincial of the Jesuits in Australia, invited Jesuit Social Services to provide leadership in the social ministries of the Australian Jesuit Province. Until now Jesuit Social Services has operated primarily in Victoria, mainly in Melbourne.

The <u>Board of Directors of Jesuit Social Services</u> accepted the invitation from the provincial and agreed to expand its operations.



Strategic Direction 2008 - 2010

Our priorities for the next three years are to collaborate with others to be a credible effective force for social justice in Australia, specifically to:

- 1. Build a <u>social research-policy-advocacy unit of national standing</u>, by growing Jesuit Social Services' capacity to advocate from the grounded experience of Jesuit Social Services and others.
- 2. Facilitate <u>social justice leadership</u> across Jesuit networks in the Australian Province and network with the Jesuit social ministry internationally
- 3. Strengthen our <u>service delivery on a national basis</u>, through the enhancement of current programs and the development of new programs, focussing in the first instance on the Holy Family Community in Western Sydney and the national Jesuit volunteer programs.
- 4. Assess and develop effective responses to service gaps and emerging needs.
- 5. Strengthen Jesuit Social Services' <u>culture</u>, <u>infrastructure</u>, <u>and support base</u> to sustain organisational development.

Over the 12 years of my chairmanship of the Board of Jesuit Social Services, I have been fortunate to work with Board members of high calibre, with compassion, energy and expertise. This year the following Directors resigned and I would like to acknowledge their great contributions:

Fr Geoffrey King SJ (1998 – 2007) Justice Elizabeth Curtain (2000 -2007) Br Bruce Robertson SJ (2001 – 2006)

We have been delighted to welcome the following people to the Board:

Patricia Faulkner

Fr Brian McCoy SJ

Fr Frank Brennan SJ (previous Director 1998 – 2000)

We are also indebted to the tireless efforts of our Committee members who contribute in the areas of finance, risk management, governance and fundraising:

John Quin

Peter Coughlin

Peter O'Callaghan

Garry Nolan

Sam Patterson

Catherina Toh

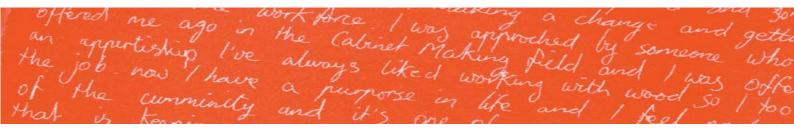
Paul Curtin.

We rely on the good heart, good will and good sense of so many people and organisations in maintaining our effectiveness and our commitment to building a just society. We are particularly proud of the staff of Jesuit Social Services who have created and who maintain our reputation for "standing in solidarity with those in need and expressing a faith that promotes justice"

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our supporters who provide practical, financial and moral support; we depend on their contributions for our continued effectiveness.

Peter Johnstone

Chairman



Chief Executive Officer's Message

Celebrating commitment over 30 years

In our 30th anniversary year it was appropriate that we returned to our beginnings to reflect on our journey, to remember those we have accompanied and who have accompanied us.

Remembering and finding meaning in our past is crucial to understanding where our future lies. In 1975, Pedro Arrupe SJ, the then Superior General of the Society of Jesus, called on Jesuits all over the world to live their faith through the promotion of justice. He urged them to make a commitment to "work with others toward the dismantling of unjust social structures so that the weak, the oppressed, the marginalised of this world may be set free."

It is hard to imagine a more marginalised group than those young people who were helped by Four Flats, now known as the Brosnan Centre. They were exposed to the most brutalising, dehumanising and belittling experiences while in prison and when released had very few choices, supports or hope.

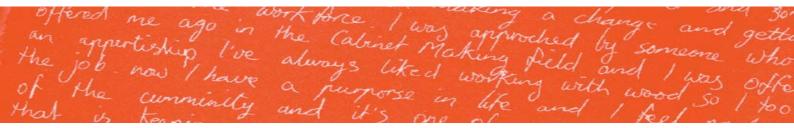


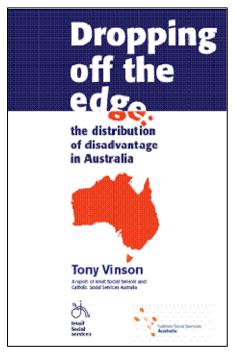
This year one of those marvellous and definitely inspiring events took place when <u>Aaron</u> walked in our front door and said he was a former Four Flats boy whose life had been changed – significantly for the better through his involvement with Four Flats. He came – 30 years later – simply to say thank you.

Jesuit Social Services has gone on to respond to the changing times and emerging needs by providing a wide range of <u>services</u> in areas of addiction, mental illness, long-term unemployment and entrenched social disadvantage.

Since our earliest days we have always spoken out for the disadvantaged, the ignored and the shunned. Our program work informs our <u>policy</u> focus. Through our engagement with disadvantaged people we identify areas of unmet need, we research them and use our findings to advocate for change. One major area of social policy research undertaken by Jesuit Social Services in the last ten years has been the mapping of locational disadvantage.

Jesuit Social Services published two previous studies: *Unequal in life* (1999) and *Community Adversity and Resilience* (2004). Both of these investigations were undertaken by Professor Tony Vinson on behalf of Jesuit Social Services and focussed on 587 postcodes in New South Wales and 647 postcodes in Victoria.





In collaboration with Catholic Social Services Australia in 2007 we published *Dropping Off the Edge: the distribution of disadvantage in Australia*. This latest study, again authored by Emeritus Professor Tony Vinson, University of NSW, covers every community in Australia and was officially launched at Parliament House, Canberra on 28th February 2007.

(Order form)

Our Education and Professional Services Unit articulates and disseminates our unique body of program and practice knowledge and provides sector training and development. Once again we taught two subjects at the University of Melbourne: Bachelor of Social Work "Young People with Complex Needs"; Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare, "Young People at Risk".

As part of our remembering just how far we have come in 30 years, we are producing a book that will bring together many memories of our

journey. This book, to be published in 2008, will provide a series of snapshots of our thirty years - including places, people, events, struggles and successes that have shaped us and will continue to do so.

The great advantage of capturing these memories at this point in our history is that most people who are part of our story are still available to share their experiences and contribute to our future directions. Those of us who work at Jesuit Social Services now stand on the shoulders of those who've gone before us – and they are a diverse group. But their commitment to those most in need and their determination to make a difference is something they share in common. We acknowledge their great contribution. Our people, past and present, are people of compassion, determination, innovation, flair and commitment to building a just society.

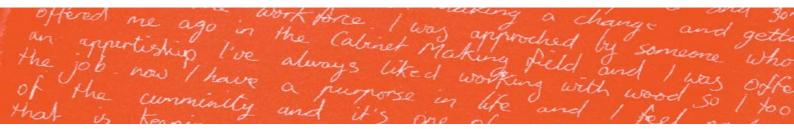
Our program statistics this year provide some insight into the reach of our work. I sincerely thank our dedicated staff and volunteers for all they do and the spirit in which they do it. However, we could not continue to do our work without the financial, practical and personal support of government, philanthropists, our faithful donors and all of you who are committed to helping us build a more just society.

Thank you.

Julie Edwards

Chief Executive Officer

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BROSNAN CENTRE

Supporting young people in the justice system since 1977

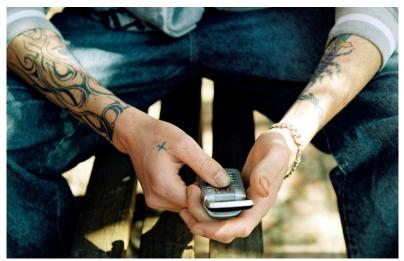
The Brosnan Centre is a state-wide advocacy, case management and transitional support service for 17-25 year olds in the justice system.

Programs

Post Release Support

- Bridging the Gap young people exiting prisons
- TAILS young people exiting prisons or completing CCS orders
- Post release accommodation
- Youth Justice transitional support young people exiting Youth Justice Centres
- Youth Justice Housing Pathways housing for young people in Southern Metropolitan Region
- Women's Integrated Support Program (WISP)
- Perry House intensive residential program for young people with intellectual disability

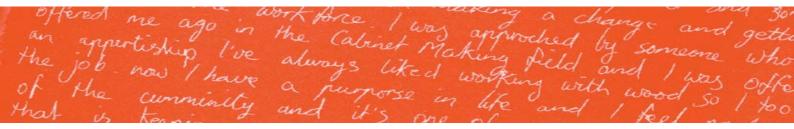




Start Over

Crime Prevention Program in the Cities of Yarra and Darebin for 12 – 18 year olds at risk of entering the youth justice system.

Individuals assisted:	743
Visits to prisons:	380
Visits to youth justice centres:	146
Placed in supported accommodation:	101



COMMUNTY JUSTICE GROUP CONFERENCING

Young people making amends for offending

Based on restorative justice principles, the program brings together the young person who has offended, the family, community members and the victim of the crime to discuss ways for the young person to make amends for the harm done by the current offending behaviour

Conferences with victim participation:	100%
Outcome plans to include victim restitution and a plan to prevent further offending:	100%
Percentage of outcome plans fully completed:	83%
Percentage of young people diverted from statutory supervision:	86%

Program participants

This group conferencing program aims to divert young people coming before the Children's Court away from the youth justice system.

The conference brings together those affected by a crime. They have the opportunity to meet and talk about what happened, about how to make amends for some of the harm caused by the crime and about how to make things better in the future.

XLR 8 MENTORING PROGRAM

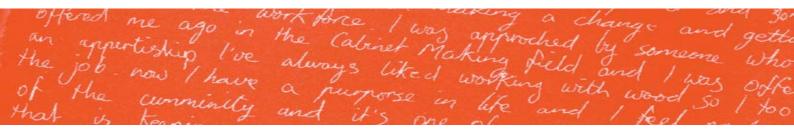
Connecting marginalised young people with mentors

Programs

Youth Justice: connects young people (12-20 years old) who are on custodial sentences or involved with juvenile justice, with adult role models to enhance pathways to education, training and employment opportunities. This program operates in the Southern and Eastern metropolitan regions.

Leaving Care: connects young people leaving the statutory care and protective system with adult role models to support, guide and assist them to make a smooth transition into community life, following their experience in protective care. This program operates in the Southern Region.

Youth Justice Number of new referrals:	35
Young people matched to mentors:	48
Young people accessing education/employment:	40
Young people receiving support in custody prior to parole:	18
Number of mentors trained:	44
Leaving Care Number of new referrals:	13
Young people matched to mentors:	10
Young people accessing education/employment:	7



GATEWAY PROGRAM

Pathways to education, training and employment for young people with multiple and complex needs

Gateway participants are unemployed young people aged 15 to 28 years who have multiple and complex needs. Most participants are early school leavers experiencing one or more of the following:

- mental health problems
- alcohol and substance abuse
- lack of stable accommodation
- a history of offending behaviour
- lack of stable family and social support.

Gateway programs include:

- The Artful Dodgers Studios art and music expression plus skills training
- IT, computer recycling and multimedia program
- The Outdoor Experience (TOE) adventure activities to promote health and wellbeing; skills development
- Gateway Kitchen hospitality training in a real work environment; Abbotsford Biscuits production and catering.

Average number of participants per month:	50
Percentage with: substance misuse offending history mental health diagnosis	75% 32% 49%
Unemployed:	92%
Average Educational Attainment:	Yr 10
Statements of Attainment Issued from Gateway RTO:	24
Number of participants engaging in mainstream education or training:	19
Number of participants engaging in mainstream employment:	17





CONNEXIONS

Supporting young people with mental health and substance use problems

Program participants: - outreach - counselling	101 45 61
Average age: -male - female	23 22
Total hours spent in outreach and support:	1,941
Total episodes of care for counselling:	192
Primary drug use: -cannabis - heroin - amphetamines - alcohol	49% 20% 15% 7%
Mental health issues: depression and	
mood disorders anxiety based issues psychotic illnesses	69% 63% 30%
personality disorder	45%

Connexions, the first dual diagnosis service for young people in Victoria, works with young people, 16 – 25 years, who have multiple and complex problems associated with their mental health, substance use and homelessness.

Services

Intensive Individual support

Intensive youth support assists young people develop a more stable and healthy lifestyle, rebuilding contact with family and community.

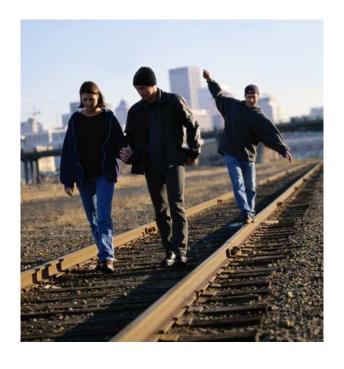
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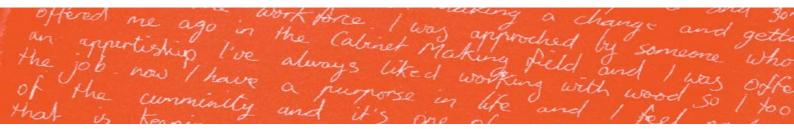
- Mental health needs
- Drug and alcohol problems
- · Accessing suitable housing
- Legal issues
- Supported referral to health services
- Daily living skills
- Education, training and employment
- Social and recreational options
- Other personal needs

Individual and group counselling

Connexions offers a confidential counselling service that assists young people gain insight and better understand the link between their drug use and mental health.

Our approach is flexible and responsive to the young person's needs within a supportive, non-clinical and non-judgemental environment.





SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE

Supporting adults and children bereaved by suicide

Support After Suicide provides support to individuals and families, particularly those with young children, who are bereaved by suicide.

The project also provides secondary consultation and training to education, health and welfare professionals, building their capacity to provide an effective service to suicide bereaved people.

Counselling program participants: 133

Education/Information sessions: 16

Participants in education /

information sessions: 278

Number of support groups held: 4

Total number of participants

in groups: 28



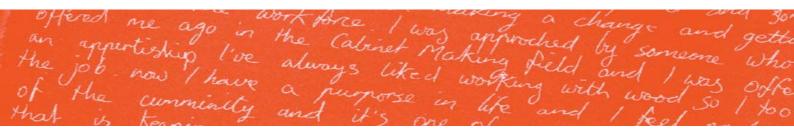
FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Building resilient families

Family Connections (formerly Parenting Australia) provides a range of education, training and consultancy services in the community with the goal of increasing resilience and connectedness in families, particularly those who are isolated, vulnerable or have diverse needs.



Number of schools & early childhood services receiving direct assistance:	23
Number of workshops held:	16
Number of teachers/early childhood professionals attending workshops:	173
Number of parents attending:	20



COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Strengthening communities in public housing neighbourhoods



Communities Together is a community development program working towards neighbourhood renewal with the communities in the high-rise public housing estates in the City of Yarra.

Activities included: Festivals, community development, excursions, community enterprises development, ESL classes, men's group and soccer programs.

VIETNAMESE WELFARE RESOURCE CENTRE

The Vietnamese Welfare Resource Centre (VWRC) is based in

the high-rise housing estate at Flemington and has been responding to the needs of the Vietnamese community in North and West Melbourne for over 18 years.

The VWRC also has an outreach service in St Albans.

Casework services : 871
Group and cultural

activities sessions: 94

Participants at group

and cultural activities: 4042



COLLINGWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

No. of people assisted with information needs (housing, legal, income, emergency aid, etc):	5478
Assistance provided to people who are - Culturally and Linguistically Diverse: - Indigenous: - Under 18 years: - New clients:	2136 82 424 372

With the support of trained neighbourhood volunteers, the Centre provides information and referral services, plus accredited training courses, youth sport and recreation programs, art projects English classes and health and wellbeing sessions.

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AFRICAN PROGRAM

Partnerships with communities from Africa

Jesuit Social Services has forged partnerships with communities from the Horn of Africa. These partnerships allow us to engage successfully with young people and families to provide a range of education, social and recreational opportunities for newly arrived refugee communities.

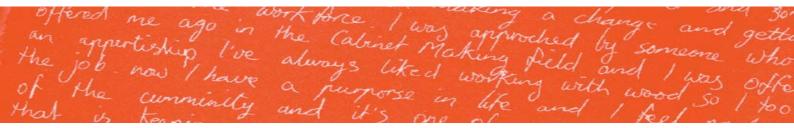
The program also provides support, advocacy and coordination for resettlement assistance, community connection and crime prevention.











RESEARCH, ADVOCACY & POLICY

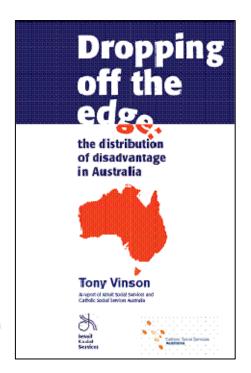
Our program work informs our policy focus. Through our engagement with disadvantaged people we identify areas of unmet need, we research them and use our findings to advocate for change.

We contribute to social policy issues through a variety of means including:

- ♦ Practice based research
- ♦ Significant social inquiry projects
- Advocacy on behalf of the disadvantaged
- ♦ Submissions to government
- ♦ Policy discussion papers & forums
- ♦ Media comment
- Membership of advisory committees, and agency partnerships

Our national studies on locational disadvantage have had a significant impact on social policy debate, with politicians drawing on our research to frame responses to disadvantage.

NOTE: see website for full list of publications



EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNIT

The Education and Professional Services Unit aims to improve outcomes for disadvantaged young people, families and communities through:

- Articulating and disseminating our unique body of program and practice knowledge.
- · Practical information to resource parents and professionals to build resilient families
- Sector training and development.

Two subjects taught at University of Melbourne:

Bachelor of Social Work "Young People with Complex Needs";

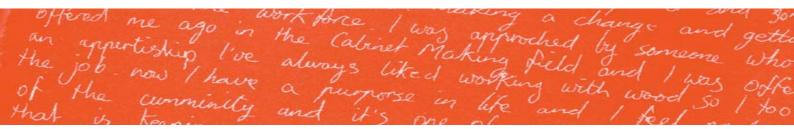
Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare, "Young People at Risk".

Social work student placements: 6

Strong Bonds Website: 50,000+ visits

90,000+ page views

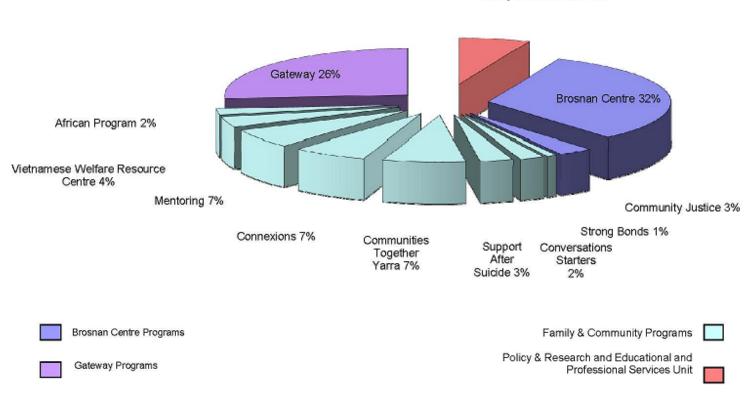
500 requests for further written information



FINANCIAL REPORT

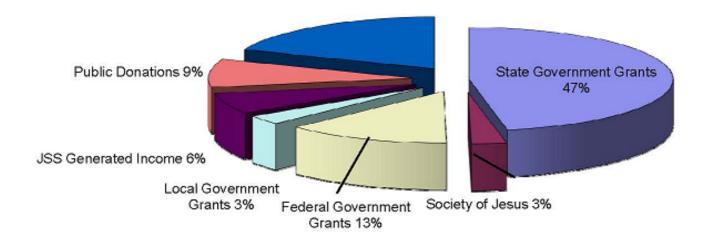
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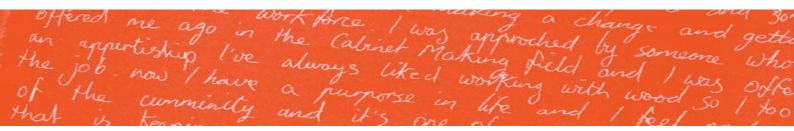
Policy and Research 6%



Sources of Revenue

Trusts & Philanthropy Grants 19%





FUNDING AND SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS IN 2006/2007

Government

Australian Council for the Arts

City of Yarra

City of Melbourne

Department of Education and Training

Department of Families, Community Services and

Indigenous Affairs

Department of Health & Ageing

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Department of Justice - Office of Correctional Services

Department of Human Services

Department of Planning and Community Development

(Victorian Communities)

Magistrates Court Broadmeadows
Magistrates Court Heidelberg
Magistrates Court Melbourne
Magistrates Court Sunshine

Magistrates Court Werribee

Minister for Police & Emergency Services

Parks Victoria

Vic Health

Victorian Attorney Generals Department

Victorian Multicultural Commission

Philanthropic Trusts & Foundations

AER Foundation

William Angliss (Vic) Charitable Trust

ANZ Breakout

Michael & Andrew Buxton Foundation

Colonial Foundation

Drakensberg Trust

Galante Charities Trust

Gill Family Trust

Hart Charities P/L

Melbourne Community Foundation

Myer Foundation

Helen MacPherson Smith Trust

Reichstein Foundation

FD & JC Ryan Foundation

St Vincent De Paul

Schwartz Family Co P/L

Simpson Family Foundation

Trust Company of Australia

Westpac Foundation

William Buckland Foundation

Organisations

Australian Province of the Society of Jesus

Freehills

Galbally & O'Brien

Mallesons Stephen Jaques

Xavier College

2006 Fundraising Dinner

Martin Flanagan

Paul Kelly

One Louder Management

Australia Post

Catholic Church Insurances Ltd

Minter Ellison

Melbourne Zoo

Buller Ski Lifts

Dr John Funder

Seven Hills Winery

Settlers Cottage SA

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Samsung

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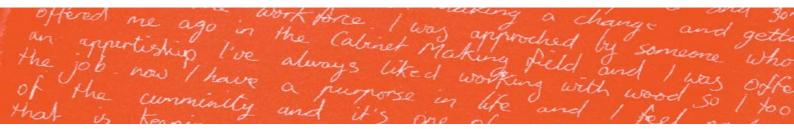
Churchers Restaurant

Koko Black

Brown Brothers

Caine Real Estate

Daniel Mendelbaum Photography



JESUIT SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jesuit Social Services is a work of the Australian Jesuit Province operating under an independent Board of Directors as an incorporated organisation.

Truly embracing the spirit of commitment in helping Jesuit Social Services create a more just society, Board members volunteer their time, expertise and energy without financial reward.

Mr Peter Johnstone – Chairman (appointed 1996)

Currently the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Boroondara and Chair of Jesuit Social Services Board, Peter has over 20 years experience as senior administrator in Federal, State and Local Government. He is a professional Member of Australian Institute of Company Directors, Fellow of Australian Institute of Public Administration, Trustee of Committee for Economic Development Australia and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Mr Frank Costigan QC – Vice Chair (appointed 1996)

Currently practicing mainly in Arbitration (as Arbitrator) and Mediation, Frank has an outstanding reputation in the national and international legal fraternity. A former Royal Commissioner, he has held executive positions with the Victorian Bar Association and Law Council, and numerous social welfare and policy agencies.

Fr Julian Slatterie SJ (appointed 1996)

A Jesuit Priest for nearly 35 years, Fr Julian has had a distinguished career in education as Deputy Headmaster of St Ignatius College Sydney, Headmaster Xavier College Burke Hall and Headmaster Xavier College, Kostka Hall.

He holds the position of Treasurer of the Society of Jesus in Australia.

Mr Peter Tratt – Treasurer (appointed 1999)

A CPA Australia fellow and a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia (Finsia) Peter operates his own financial planning business, Australian Wealth Advisers. A former head of the South-West region of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and the Insurance and Superannuation Commission (ISC), Peter also lectures for Finsia and Melbourne University.

Judge Elizabeth Curtain (appointed 2000 retired December 2007))

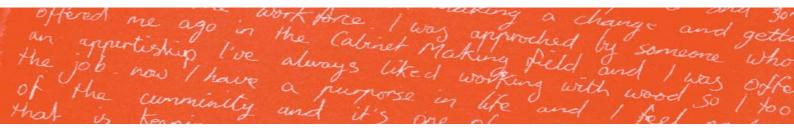
Appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria in October 2006 after 13 years as a County Court Judge, Elizabeth has extensive experience handling criminal trials. Elizabeth is also alternate Chairman of the Youth Parole Board and Youth Residential Board.

Fr David Holdcroft SJ (appointed 2004)

Director of Jesuit Refugee Service, Fr David spent 12 years working with the homeless. As a teacher in various schools he also taught English to newly arrived refugees and worked in the remote indigenous community of Balgo in Western Australia. Fr David is the Jesuit Provincial's Delegate for Social Ministry.

Associate Professor Margarita Frederico (appointed 2006)

Director of Postgraduate Programs, at School of Social Work and Social Policy, La Trobe University, Margarita has extensive experience in teaching, research and evaluation. She designed and established the School of Social Work at Australian Catholic University Canberra, and postgraduate programs including La Trobe University's Certificate in Complex Community Care.



Mr Darren Walls (appointed 2006)

A Business Consultant with extensive experience in sales and marketing in both the commercial and not for profit sectors, Darren is currently engaged in Business Strategy Development with the Groset division of Grollo Australia. He developed a strategic fundraising plan and serves as Chair of the Fundraising Committee. He is currently enrolled in post-graduate studies with the Australian Securities Institute.

Ms Jennifer McAuley (appointed 2007)

The Department of Human Services Representative on the Youth Parole Board. Jennifer a qualified social worker and has had an extensive career in several states and particularly with the Department of Human Services, Victoria, most recently as Assistant Director Child Protection and Juvenile Justice.

Professor Jim Barber (appointed 2007)

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, RMIT University, Jim has a Masters of Social Work and Doctor of Philosophy. He has worked in the United States and Canada and held many positions in university faculties. Jim has received numerous awards and honours in the field of social and child welfare.

Ms Patricia Faulkner (appointed 2007)

A Partner with KPMG, Australia. Patricia has held a diverse range of high level positions, including Secretary, Department of Human Services (Victoria) from 2000-07, Director of Consumer Affairs (Victoria) and Director of Occupational Health and Safety. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Health Services Executives and a National Fellow of IPAA.

Father Brian McCoy SJ (appointed 2007)

is a Jesuit priest and NHMRC Fellow for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at La Trobe University. Brian was a research officer with the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (Pat Dodson's Underlying Issues Unit).

Father Frank Brennan SJ (appointed 2007)

is a Jesuit priest, an adjunct fellow in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at the ANU, professor of law in the Institute of Legal Studies at the Australian Catholic University, and professor of human rights and social justice at the University of Notre Dame Australia.

APPENDIX 1

After 30 years Aaron says thanks

"In my mind the building blocks of good self-esteem stem from CHOICE. We may not always make the right choice.

But a life void of options and the right to choose them is akin to trying to win lotto without a ticket.

The first time I remember being given a significant and positive life altering choice, was in 1977 when Fr Peter Norden and Alex Firmager came to Langi Kal Kal Youth Training Centre and invited me for a weekend at, the then, recently started *Four Flats* project in Hawthorn.

I'd just turned 19 and had been in Langi Kal Kal for 18 months, having come from Gippsland with a background of gross neglect and abuse. I had nowhere to go and no-one I could turn to outside of the institutionalised system. In other words - no CHOICES!

The weekend was a great success, I'd never really spent any time in the city prior to that and I was basically free to do as I chose, albeit with some constructive guidelines.

After a very encouraging three days, meeting the other participants and getting a feel for the place, Fr Norden sat me down and proposed the option of staying at *Four Flats* for up to three months. "Until you can establish some independence," he stressed.

In my eyes, offering me that choice equated to trust that also translated to belief - a belief that I could do something productive, and <u>not</u> be stuck playing the hand life had dealt me to that point.

In being given this choice, I recognised and appreciated that someone believed in me - more than I did in myself at the time.

Four Flats not only offered support in the manner of a halfway house, it also provided something halfway

houses weren't offering at the time - a nurturing and safe environment with the feel of an extended family.

My stay at Four Flats gave me a vehicle to find my way forward. Of course, there were a few personal obstacles I had to navigate my way through. In fact, it took me some time after the Four Flats experience to completely find my feet. But the seed of other possibilities had been firmly planted there - and I've gone on to do some things I couldn't have dreamed of prior to staying at Four Flats ie work in theatre, my own business(s) and a foray into music which has led to making CDs and taken me many places around the world. It was Alex who taught me some of my first guitar chords and lent me his guitar to practise on!)



I am grateful to have been an early participant in what I've recently come to learn was the foundation of Jesuit Social Services - whose sole agenda is to support the wellbeing of those less fortunate in society.

I'd like to extend this gratitude first and foremost to Fr Norden, Alex Firmager and all the original *Four Flats* staff - and recently the exceptionally kind and helpful staff at Jesuit Social Services in Richmond - Anne Tuohey and in particular Jo Dunin.

A sincere THANK YOU to you all!"

APPENDIX 2

Dropping Off The Edge order form





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ORDER FORM

Upon completion and payment, this form becomes a "Tax Invoice/Receipt" for GST. Please photocopy and maintain for your records.

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Jesuit Social Services

1977 - 2007

A brief summary of timelines and milestones from 1977 -2007

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1976

17 December - 'Four Apartments Hawthorn Limited' was registered as a company limited by guarantee.

1977

January - **Four Flats opened at Power Street Hawthorn** as a hostel for young offenders 17 – 21 years of age. It was the only after care program for young homeless offenders released from Victoria's correctional institutions. Funding was provided by Department of Social Welfare, precursor to Community Services. Referrals came from Youth Training Centres at Parkville, Langi Kal Kal and Malmsbury as well as from Pentridge.

Founding Staff were: Fr Peter Norden SJ, Paul Callil SJ, Sue Ellis and Alex Firmager.

1979

Fr Peter Norden SJ returned to study and David Murray was appointed Director.

1981 - 82

A review recognised that the time and energy providing supervision in the hostel was preventing support staff from providing support to a wider group of released young offenders. The decision was made to close the hostel at Hawthorn and move to a non-residential centre at 1 Cambridge Street Collingwood. This operated as a service supporting released young offenders in the community and actively developing alternatives to residential care. Four houses were rented from the Ministry of Housing through the Youth Housing Program (with subsidised rent) and operated on a lead tenant model – a first in Victoria.

1983

2 February 1983 - The company changed its name to 'Four Flats Youth Services Limited'.

1983

December - David Murray resigned as Director.

1983 - 84

82 young post release offenders supported - 53% in adult prisons and 47% in Youth Training Centres. The target was to reach approximately 100 every year. The main criteria was young people who had the least family and community supports had priority.

1984

January - Mark Griffiths appointed Director.

1984

Employment initiative established – a **Garden** started on a small block of land opposite the Good Shepherd Convent in Abbotsford with 12 months funding from the Commonwealth Employment Program, provided direct employment opportunities to youth in horticulture, landscaping and general labouring on 3 acres of land in Collingwood. Eighteen young people are employed part time.

1985

By 1985, Jesuit Social Services had 7 staff and a total program budget had increased to more than \$300,000 with the majority of the funding coming from government grants, philanthropic grants and general donations.

The Garden expanded to a two acre block in the grounds of the Abbotsford Convent. A grant from RE Ross Foundation established the **Youth Grow Garden Project**. 17 young people worked on a part time basis.

1985

First housing officer appointed – in recognition that accommodation was one of the most critical needs of young people released from prison.

- 29 young people accommodated in houses in Richmond, Collingwood, Brunswick and Northcote.

1985

Fr John Brosnan retired as chaplain at Pentridge Prison and Fr Peter Norden SJ took up the role.

1987

Mark Griffiths resigned as Director. Bernie Geary appointed Director.

1987

A Rooming House opened in Nicholson Street Carlton to provide short term housing for young offenders immediately on release.

1987

Establishment of **Vietnamese Welfare Resource Centre** (VWRC) – then known as St Vincent Liem Catholic Community - a community-based multi service family support agency. First Coodinator was Son Hoang Nguyen who is still employed. Funded by the then Federal Department of Labour and Immigration. Moved under Catholic Social Services auspice from 1994 -96. When Jesuit Social Services was formed in 1996, VWRC became part of Jesuit Social Services and moved to Flemington public housing estate.

1987

In honour of Fr Brosan Four Flats began using the name Brosnan Youth Services (while remaining registered as Four Flats Youth Services Limited). A major fund raising drive raised sufficient funds (\$300,000) to purchase 291 Sydney Road Brunswick. Named the Brosnan Centre, it was opened by the Premier of Victoria John Cain in April 1987.

1988

An external evaluation, titled *A Quality of Caring* and funded by the Lance Reichstein Foundation, identified the risk of sliding towards supporting those young offenders most likely to succeed rather than the most needy. A decision was made to reinforce the focus on "those no one else wanted" and "those most likely to fail".

1988

Garden program was closed due to lack of funding. The Garden project employed 12 young people. New funding found and the Garden resumed operating. Nationally this was a period when unskilled young people were experiencing much higher levels of unemployment than the overall average.

1988 - 1990

The development of a number of outdoor programs - wilderness treks on Bogong High Plains provided, by what was then an outside contractor - **The Outdoor Experience**. This included cross country skiing, canoeing and white water rafting.

1989 CONTEXT: De-institutionalisation in youth correctional, mental health and intellectual disability areas had a major influence on the future direction of Brosnan Youth Services.

Our work with intellectually disabled young offenders began. A young intellectually disabled person with a history of arson and sex offending came before the Parole Board (of which then Director Bernie Geary was a member). The then Minister for Human Services (Kay Setches) offered Brosnan Centre funding to provide supervised housing for this young offender.

Jesuit Social Services rented a house at Katawa Grove in Brunswick for young people under 21, recently released from custody and a registered client of Disability Services. Funded by Office of Intellectual Disability Services (OIDS).

1990

Our house for intellectually disabled young offenders now moved from Katawa Grove, Brunswick to a house in Brunswick Road, we named Horizon House. It was still funded by OIDS.

1991

Perry House initiated. The Department of Humans Services offered to fund a purpose built supervised residence for intellectually disabled young offenders. This eventually lead to the construction of Perry House in Reservoir, opened in 1996 that was named after Brian Perry who had worked at both Katawa Grove and Horizon House.

1992/3

More than half of the 171 released young offenders supported came from Youth Training Centres - a shift from 1984 when more than half came from adult prisons.

1992

Vietnamese program established with a 6 month grant from the Myer Foundation. This was in response to the rising number of young Vietnamese in custody in Victoria. We employed a specialist youth worker – the first Vietnamese person in Victoria to stand in court with offenders (Hieu Nguyen).

Establishment of "Rising Sun" house to provide accommodation for young Vietnamese men who had been released from prison.

CONTEXT: Vietnamese cultural practices and attitudes led to families often rejecting young people if they offended. There were also many young Vietnamese on Community Based Orders who were living without stable accommodation, family support or other support networks.

1994

1 September 1994. The company officially registers the name 'Brosnan Youth Services Limited'

1995

On 3 April 1996 the company **changed its name to Jesuit Social Services.** The company began operating under a new Jesuit Provincial-appointed Board of Directors, with Peter Johnstone as the inaugural chairman. The organisation encompassed a number of programs which address the needs that Brosnan Centre recognised as unmet.

The executive was made up of: Peter Norden SJ, Executive Director; Bernie Geary, Program Director and David Murray, Policy Director.

The office was first based at the Jesuit property 140 Park Drive, Parkville.

1995 Annual report noted: The National Mental Health Report published stating that 50% of those with a mental illness were not receiving any treatment and those who also struggle with alcohol or substance use generally receive little assistance from mental health professionals or the drug and alcohol treatment centres.

December. The purchase of our property in Derby Street Collingwood (now called Langridge Street), marking the first major initiative in programs intended to prevent young people drifting into the criminal justice system. Funding for the program came from Hugh Williamson Foundation (\$300,000), the Jesuit Province (\$50,000) and fundraising (\$540,000).

The two program sites at the end of 1995 were:

- Brosnan Centre 291 Sydney Road, Brunswick
- Connexions 1 Langridge St (Derby St) Collingwood. This program was a response to increasing numbers of people with dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance misuse funded by the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy Initiative.
- Parenting Australia was housed at Langridge Street until 2001 when it moved to Lockington, The Vaucluse, Richmond.

1996

The company registered the name **Jesuit Social Services** Limited on 3rd April. Brosnan Youth Services changed its name to the Brosnan Centre.

The annual operating budget had increased to more than \$1.8 million.

The following were in existence prior to 1995 and came under the umbrella of Jesuit Social Services in 1996.

CONTEXT: In the early years of the Victorian Kennett Government small welfare organisations were struggling to survive on their own.

- **Big Brother Big Sister joined Jesuit Social Services** in 1996. It had been established in 1980 and was then located in Windsor and then moved to Lockington in 2001.
- New Family Home originally established by Jesuit Refugee Service in 1988, provided housing to assist
 young Vietnamese men without family support who wished to complete secondary studies or who
 needed support to begin tertiary studies. Two residences located at Power Street Hawthorn (the old
 Four Flats building) and Somerset Street Richmond.
- Parenting Adolescents Australia (now **Parenting Australia**) a program committed to developing professional training programs and consultancy services to those running parenting programs.
- The Outdoor Experience wilderness therapy program previously run by DHS Drug Services Victoria

 had been contracted to provide services for the growing number of wilderness experiences that
 Brosnan Centre offered their young people
- Richmond Community Care (RCC) was formed in the early 1970s as a local residents lobby group.
 Kildonan Family and Youth Services provided resources and RCC began providing support for
 vulnerable families in the Richmond public housing high rise estates. It was located at 3 Belgium
 Avenue within the heart of the Richmond estates. RCC also conducted a family group home in the
 Richmond area for children removed from their families and a temporary emergency unit for up to six
 children from the area.

Intensive home based support was also given for vulnerable families whose children were at risk of being removed into care or whose children were returning from care.

A "Living in Two Cultures" video and information kit was developed to strengthen family relationships within the Vietnamese community and to address the cross cultural and adolescent difficulties that were emerging.

Parenting Australia (PA) held its second National Conference on Parenting – *Parenting in the 90's and Beyond: helping the next generation to grow.* (PA's first conference was before they joined Jesuit Social Services)

1996

Published Signs of Hope: a Catholic Health Care response to Youth Suicide (David Murray and Maree Tehan). Best practice in Catholic hospitals responding to people presenting after attempting suicide in Catholic hospitals

1997

Pentridge Prison closed. Jesuit Social Services engaged a marketing company, and conducted public tours from November at the Melbourne Metropolitan Prison section of Pentridge.

The public tours of the closed Pentridge Prison site attracted 350,000 individuals, including 40,000 school students.

This was a most effective community education program on the operation of the criminal justice system in Australia.

Run by Peter Norden SJ and Rob Ware, Brosnan Centre Program Coordinator, the tours ran for 14 months and funds raised from this venture led to the purchase of 10 Dawson Street Brunswick, the current location of the Brosnan Centre. The Department of Human Services also contributed funding for refurbishment costs.

1997

Jesuit Social Services established a partnership with St Vincent's Hospital, Turning Point and the Centre for Adolescent Health to **establish the Youth Substance Abuse Service**, a State-wide drug treatment service for young people 12 – 21 years.

1997

Established **Arts & Culture program** at Langridge Street Collingwood, which went on to be named the Artful Dodgers Studio. Funded by William Buckland Foundation.

1997

First Arts & Culture performance – 'Persephone' utilising puppets, Directed by Michele Spooner plus a studio exhibition of drawings, prints, painting and body art.

1997

'In the Can' - Installations in the old Pentridge Prison. Twenty-one cells were transformed by the Artists on the theme of entrapment as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival. Due to public demand the show was extended by 4 weeks and viewed by 10,300 people.

1997

Perry House, a purpose built supported residence in Reservoir for released young offenders with intellectual disabilities welcomed its first three residents in July and was formally opened in December. (see 1988 above)

1998

Jesuit Social Services held the conference *Having It Both Ways*, the **first national conference on problematic drug and alcohol use and mental illness** at the University Of Melbourne. Conference proceedings published. Edited by Maree Tehan and David Chong.

Domestic Violence Prevention Program operated in QLD, NT, WA, in partnership with Caraniche, training staff to work with young people to address domestic violence. Commonwealth Government funding.

1998

Lease of Lockington, The Vaucluse from the Parish of St Ignatius, Richmond, to house Richmond Community Care and Big Brother Big Sister.

1998

Central Administration moved to 321 Church St Richmond and the Ignatius Centre for Social Policy and Research is established to formalise our research, policy and advocacy activity.

Unequal in Life is funded and published. Professor Tony Vinson was engaged as the researcher for our first study into locational disadvantage.

1998

Parenting Australia held 3rd National Conference on Parenting –*Parenting in the 90's: dealing with the difficult issues.*

1998

'De-hinged'. Art installation comprising of doors depicting homelessness as part of the 2nd National Conference on Homelessness. Exhibited outside the Melbourne Town Hall and the Art and Community Conference, St Kilda Town Hall.

1999

Jesuit Social Services initiated the establishment of '**The Edge**' (a partnership, between Brosnan Centre, Caraniche and Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre) – a first as a drug treatment unit within a juvenile justice setting established by an outside organisation. Funded by Victorian Drug Law Enforcement Fund. 'The Edge' still exists at Malmsbury.

1999 - 2002

The **Young Offender Pilot Program** (YOPP) provided intensive one on one support for young offenders to help them move into employment. It was a cooperative agreement between Brosnan Centre and Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre and funded by Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs.

1999

National Parenting Program funded by the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy initiated. Parenting Australia trained over 300 staff from Centacare and Anglicare to provide parent education training to over 3000 parents in schools in 18 locations across Australia.

1999

Published <u>Asian Gambling...Family Losses</u>: a study of gambling related violence in the Vietnamese Community. (D.Tran).

1999

Parenting Australia holds 4th National Conference on Parenting – *Great survival techniques for the new millennium*.

1999 – 2000

By the 1999/2000 financial year, the operating budget had increased to almost \$5 million. 56% of income was from state government grants, 9% from the federal government, 11% from trusts and philanthropy grants, 15% public donations and the remainder 9% was JSS program generated income.

2000 - 2003

Established **Men & Family Relationships** under Parenting Australia in partnership with Caraniche with funding by Family & Community Services. Program evaluated, *Repairing Relationships Behind Walls*, published 2002, by Tony Vinson and Maree Tehan (Facilitators Manual *Me & My Family* published 2003).

2000

Jesuit Social Services bought 10 Dawson Street Brunswick (Brosnan Centre) through funds raised by the Pentridge Prison Tours, the sale of Sydney Road Brunswick and funding by Department of Human Services.

2000

Brosnan Centre began **Bridging the Gap** program for high risk young people released from prison.

2000

Public art exhibition '*Triptych*'- three sculptures designed and constructed by participants for the Department of Human Services. Installed in the fopyer of 555 Collins Street, Melbourne.

2000

Christmas Cards. A joint initiative of the Smith Street Business Network and the RACV Foundation. Five cards designed by the participants and distributed through local businesses.

2000

Published <u>Risking Art - Art for Survival</u> by Marsden, S. & Thiele, M. (Eds) outlining the role of the arts in services to marginalised young people. Launched at the 12th Annual International John Hopkins Philanthropy Conference in Melbourne.

Exhibition at Span Galleries in Flinders Lane involving 12 arts program including the Artful Dodgers Studio.

2000

Published A Parent's Treasure Chest – exploring the path to resilience by Constance Jenkin.

2000

Published <u>Evaluation of the Connexions Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative</u> Ridge, D., Hee, A. & Aroni, R. (2000).

2000

Published Jesuit Social Services Drug Policy by Peter Norden SJ and David Murray (2000).

2000

Published. Assessment of the Service Needs of Low Income Families: Collingwood and Fitzroy Housing Estates. Guinness, C. (2000). This research conducted by Cathy Guinness and Kate Digney provided the basis for the establishment for the community development program that was to be established in the City of Yarra.

2001

David Murray resigned to become CEO of Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS); Julie Edwards was appointed Jesuit Social Services Program Director.

2001 - 2003

Sole Mates program established, under administration of Parenting Australia housed at Lockington. Early intervention program targeting young, isolated sole parents with young families to be matched with volunteer supporters. Funded by Perpetual Trustees and the Colonial Foundation.

2001-2006

Family Connexions established – aimed to strengthen connections between young people with mental illness and/or substance misabuse and their families – direct service and training of workers (Initially under Parenting Australia moved under Education and Professional Services Unit in 2003.)

Nature vs Culture Art project funding by R>E Ross Foundation and Vic Health Community Participation Scheme where program participants explored their relationship with the urban and natural environment through field trips. Exhibitions: 'Xena Ponders Blue' at Span Gallery. Public Art Installation in the City Square as part of the New Wave Festival.

2001

September -The acquisition of the property, Montserrat, at Alexandra to provide the opportunity for our staff to supervise young people and families in need of a break from city life. Funded by Committee to Encourage Philanthropy in Australia (CEPA)

CONTEXT: Our history of working in the local housing estate communities and a number of research activities - including Cathy Guinness' 2000 research on the Collingwood and Fitzroy Housing estates, the national response to *Unequal in Life* (1999) and a Victorian Government report called *Burden of Disease* (1996) which identified that City of Yarra had the lowest health status score of any municipality in Victoria - lead to a discussion with Victorian Government who subsequently funded Communities Together.

A collaborative approach between Jesuit Social Services and City of Yarra resulted in developing programs focused on community growth rather than resourcing more individualised services.

2001

Our Community Development Programs began to be called **Communities Together**. Our community work in the Richmond public housing estate extended to Collingwood and Fitzroy estates.

2001

Art Exhibition 'Identity' – at the Dickerson Gallery with banners displayed on the Richmond, Fitzroy and Collingwood Town Halls, March 2002. Toured Launceston Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. 'Innerscent' postcards launch at Richmond Town Hall November 2002.

This was a partnership with Artful Dodgers Studio, Visionary Images and YSAS, as part of the Rotary Youth Arts Project.

(Richmond Rotary Club and DHS)

2001

Parenting Australia held 5th National Conference on Parenting – 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live'.

2001

Published Heroin use as a form of self-medication (P.Norden).

2001

Published *How the cookie crumbled: Unemployment in Australia and the Impact of Globalisation.* (P. Norden).

2002

Bernie Geary was appointed Executive Director and Peter Norden SJ became Policy Director.

Colonial Foundation provided five year funding which enabled the establishment of Gateway in 2002.

Gateway aimed to put young people with multiple and complex problems on a pathway to education, training and employment. Using a range of activities, the program provided the context for young people to gain accredited skills.

Activities included: visual art and music, outdoor recreational activities, computer building, metal work, jewellery, training in hospitality.

2002

Collingwood Community Information Centre (CCIC) was established at Collingwood public housing estate to provide an information and referral service. CCIC also ran accredited training courses, youth sport and recreation programs, art projects, cultural groups, English classes and health and well-being sessions.

2002

Brosnan Centre began Pathways Juvenile Justice Housing Program in Dandenong.

2002

Brosnan Centre began **Correctional Services Employment Pilot Program for Men (CSEPP)** in Morwell based out of Brosnan Centre.

Jesuit Social Services worked with like-minded organisations to repeal the legislation marking the age jurisdiction at 18 for adult courts, providing 12,000 Victorian seventeen year olds the protection of the Children's Court.

Peter Norden's involvement in the Victorian Criminal Justice Coalition provides ongoing, strong advocacy on a range of issues including those of relevance to Jesuit Social Services' client group.

2002

Published <u>The City of Yarra Public Housing Drug Education Project</u> Guinness, C. (2002).

2002

Published *Unequal in Health* by T. Vinson. Study compared access to comprehensive health care between the 30 most disadvantaged postcodes and the 30 postcodes that fell in the middle range in the States of Victoria and New South Wales.

2002

Position paper <u>Crime & Punishment</u>: moving from retributive to restorative justice. P. Norden.

2003

Community Justice Group Conferencing program established, located at Brosnan Centre. Based on restorative justice principles, this program supports young offenders to make amends for their offending.

2003

Lost the site in Burnley for Youth Grow Garden. This led to decision to lease Victoria Street, Abbotsford to house a number of Gateway activities.

2003

Communities Together Collingwood and Fitzroy housing estates became Neighbourhood Renewal sites.

2003 - 2005

Established **Inside Families** program to work with prisoners with drug problems and their families, funded by Department of Justice.

Brosnan Centre started Transitional Assistance and Information Links Service (TAILS) in Dandenong.

2003

Education and Professional Services Unit (EPSU) established to facilitate the sharing of the unique body of program and practice development within Jesuit Social Services to the advantage of other organisations and workers who engage with disadvantaged young people, families and communities.

2003

Artful Dodgers Studio staged **Catalyst Laneway Exhibition** project – funded by City of Melbourne, Vic Health and RE Ross Foundation

Two elements: Experimental documentary film project installation and an art exhibition in Knox Lane. This was the culmination of a 2 year project titled Nature vs Culture designed around a series of photo drawing and painting, soundscape installation for young people to explore their concerns about their physical world.

2003

Published *Engaging Art - The Artful Dodgers Studio_*a theoretical model of practice. Thiele, M. & Marsden, S.

2003

Published. Barriers to Employment: why jobs are hard to get if you live in high rise estates in the City of Yarra (D. Holdcroft).

2003

Published <u>Me and My Family: Program Facilitator Manual</u>. The manual was a comprehensive resource for implementing and facilitating a men's family relationship group program. McNally, J and Van den Bossche, E. (2003).

2004

Julie Edwards appointed Executive Director, Board ratified title as Chief Executive Officer at AGM.

2004

Established **Support After Suicide** providing support to individuals and families who are bereaved by suicide in the Northern Metropolitan Region of Melbourne. Funded by Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing, under the National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy.

2004

Established **XLR8 Mentoring** program connecting young people (12-20 years) who are on custodial sentences or involved with juvenile justice, with adult role models form the community to enhance pathways to education, training and employment. Operated in Southern and Eastern regions with an office in Dandenong.

2004

Permaskills Program (Gateway project located at Atherton Gardens Fitzroy Housing Estate). Funded by AMP Boost and Helen McPherson Trust. Social Ventures Australia engaged by AMP Boost to oversee project.

2004

The Rudder Project established - a Community Cultural Development arts mentoring program funded by the Arts Council. Mentorships provided to emerging or experienced artists interested in working with the Community Cultural Development (CCD) model developed within the Artful Dodgers Studio. Gateway participants who demonstrated the capacity for long-term commitment were paired with mentors who introduced and guided them through all sectors of the professional art industry.

Education and Professional Services Unit began a formal relationship with **University of Melbourne Social Work Department**, establishing a student unit for social work students on placement. The EPSU also began teaching two subjects: *Young People with Complex Needs* in the Bachelor of Social Work and *Young People at Risk* in the Graduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Welfare.

2004

A State-wide partnership with Melbourne City Mission, VACRO and Job Futures established to provide **ongoing Correctional Services Employment Program (CSEP)** – previously a pilot program. Brosnan Centre opened an office in Morwell.

2004

Leased Victoria Street, Abbotsford premises for some Gateway activities - Gateway Kitchen, Jewellery, Woodwork, Metalwork and an Art Gallery.

2004

Annual Dinner **Paul Keating, former Prime Minister** is key note speaker at the Melbourne Town Hall with over 700 guests.

2004

Artful Dodgers Studio **Shelter Project** for the Melbourne Fringe Festival. Young people exhibited their artwork in the bus shelters of inner Melbourne.

2004

Published *Mobilising Community Participation*. Communities Together (2004).

2004

Published *Community Adversity & Resilience* (Tony Vinson). This was the second research mapping disadvantage by postcode - in NSW and Victoria.

The concept of building stronger, more resilient communities through targeted interventions which came out of the research was influential in shaping the Bracks Government's social policy action plan released in 2005, *A Fairer Victoria*.

Considerable advocacy and promotion of this new approach was undertaken.

Further papers, conference presentations and advocacy work completed by staff and students in areas of:

- Children in detention
- The role of education in tackling poverty
- Health-related issues in prisons
- Senate Inquiry into Poverty.

2005

Established the **Horn of Africa Program** in Flemington at request of community leaders who were impressed by the respectful relationship between the Vietnamese community and Jesuit Social Services (VWRC).

2005

Leaving Care Mentoring program began to connect young people leaving statutory care and the protective system with adult role models to make a smooth transition into community life. In May 2006 we opened an office in Mason Street, Dandenong for Southern Metropolitan Region.

2005

Gateway Kitchen funded (originally called It's Just Fare). 'Abbotsford Biscuits' launched; a catering enterprise and a real work environment training facility for program participants.

Strong Bonds – evolved from Family Connexions – Funding received from William Buckland Foundation to build capacity of workers engaging with young people to practice in a family sensitive way; to provide resources directly to families with young people struggling with mental illness, drug problems and other complex problems and to workers. It involved the development of a website and tip sheets, plus training for workers.

2005

Jesuit Social Services Annual Dinner became **a fundraising event** for the first time, building on the networking and stakeholder relations focus of previous dinners.

2005

Published *Mutual Trust: an alternative to 'mutual obligation' in Australian aid* (M. Nguyen) – a joint research project with UNIYA.

2005

Published <u>Keeping Them Connected</u>: a national study examining how Catholic schools can best respond to incidents of illicit drug use. (P. Norden)

2005

A number of key papers and submissions to Inquiries were completed by staff and students, covering a wide range of social issues of critical national and state importance, including:

- Bail Act Review Submission
- A number of papers and actions relating to employment and welfare reforms
- Dual diagnosis mental health and drug dependency
- Jesuit response to HIV/AIDS in Asia and Pacific Region.

2005 - 2006

In the 10 years from 1996 – 2006 the annual operating budget increased from \$1.8 million to more than \$6.5 million. In 2006, the State government continued to be our major funder, contributing 50% of our total income. Trusts and philanthropy grants contributed 24%, Federal government grants were 14%, public donations 7%, program generated income 5% and local government grants 1%.

2006

Jesuit Social Services is awarded the **International Spirit at Work Award** in New York. CEO Julie Edwards presents at the Conference and accepts Award.

2006

Support After Suicide funding extended to operate across metropolitan Melbourne.

2006

The Bush Hut house and property was acquired to accommodate The Outdoor Experience (TOE) with 21 year 'peppercorn' lease for a house and land from Parks Victoria.

Initial refurbishment funding by Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation and the Proceeds of Crime Commission. Further funding and support received from Bowen's Timber. TOE to move there in March 2007.

2006

Jesuit Social Services is awarded **Registered Training Organisation** (RTO) status. The scope of works includes units from Business Services, Community Services, Visual Arts and Craft Design and Outdoor Recreation training.

The restorative justice area remained a focus. Jesuit Social Services developed a policy discussion paper recommending the extension of Restorative Justice Group Conferencing into the adult courts ie for young people up to 25 years. The Attorney-General committed to a pilot project to be established at Neighbourhood Justice Centre in Collingwood in 2007.

2006

Submission by Jesuit Social Services to the Senate Inquiry into Mental Health.

2006

Brosnan Centre held a highly successful fundraising Trivia Night at Xavier College.

2006

Mapping the City Book and Art on Film CD Launch by the Artful Dodgers Studio. The project was developed from the 2003 Catalyst project to create a living map of the city based on the experiences of those young adults who live on, play in and have stories about Melbourne. Funded by Colonial Foundation, Vic Health, Australia Council and City of Melbourne.

2006

Conversations at the Watchhouse – a series of conversations about community art projects and the justice system by the young people and artist of the Artful Dodgers studio.

2006

Duality Art Exhibition – art exhibition by the young people in the Artful Dodgers Studio at Richmond Creative Arts Centre

2006

Published Not So Straight: a report examining same-sex attracted school students. (P. Norden)

2007

Jesuit Social Services 30th anniversary 1977 – 2007.

Activities planned:

- Mass 18th February
- Annual Fundraising Dinner 28th April
- · History project including four Conversations and production of a book
- Ignatian Forum (TBC).

2007

Brosnan Centre began **Start Over Crime Prevention** Program. The City of Yarra based Start Over program aimed to divert 12-18 year old young offenders from further involvement in the criminal justice system by providing support, advocacy and pathways to further education, training and jobs, while also fostering self-esteem and confidence, and developing participants' social skills and self awareness.

2007

Brosnan Centre began **Women's Integrated Supported Program** (WISP) funded by the Department of Justice providing pre and post release support to women 25 years and under on their release from prison. This support includes finding independent and supported accommodation, outreach, drug and alcohol counselling, employment/training advice, family and relationship counselling, court advice and advocacy, and institutional visiting.

2007

Strong Bonds (2) obtained funding by Buckland Foundation to extend original program to address needs of new and emerging communities.

2007 The 40th anniversary of the execution of Ronald Ryan provided an opportunity for strong advocacy relating to Australia's responsibility to advocate for an end to the death sentence, particularly in countries in our region.

2007

Published *Dropping off the Edge: the distribution of disadvantage in Australia* by Tony Vinson. This expanded the research into locational disadvantage from Community Adversity and Resilience (2004) which focused on VIC and NSW, to a national levels, mapping all States and Territories. The project was a collaboration between Jesuit Social Services and Catholic Social Services Australia.

2007

The Outdoor Experience moved into the Bush Hut in Kew.

NOTE: See website for full list of publications, conference papers and reports.





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