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## Congratulations to our Waranara students



Good Shepherd's Waranara Centre in Sydney offers intensive academic and personal support to students who have disengaged from mainstream education. There are significant reasons why young people can't thrive in mainstream schools; for many, it's the experience of mental illness, family violence or other trauma. The Waranara Centre provides education for students in Year 9 and 10 with access to ongoing learning from specialist teachers and counsellors who are onsite to assist with mental health and behavioural challenges.

The 2015 graduation saw nine students complete Year 9 and 16 students complete Year 10. Three young women, Grace, Rea and Taylor, achieved their Higher School Certificate. "Studying here has changed

my life; I just wouldn't have been able to get to where I am today without The Waranara Centre," said Grace.

"We acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our students who have overcome tremendous obstacles to commit to their education," said Principal, Kirsty Rose. "We also appreciate the volunteers, teachers, counsellors, caseworkers and donors who support our students and the Waranara program."



GOOD SHEPHERD SISTER NOELENE WHITE SHARED THIS SPECIAL MOMENT WITH TAYLOR.

## New Waranara Campus to open in Paddington

With thanks to our donors and a new partnership with Franciscan Social Services, we are delighted to announce the opening of a new campus in Paddington in March 2016. This campus will provide the opportunity for a further 25 students in the inner city to re-engage with their Year 9 and 10 studies. Good Shepherd will provide education

and case work services in close partnership with on-site adolescent and family counsellors through the Franciscan's Come-in Centre.

"With over 50,000 young people disengaging from education and employment each year, this partnership presents a wonderful opportunity for young people to completely change their life outcomes through innovative service provision," said Director Services Development, Lyn Harrison.

Welcome to *Shepherd's Voice*. We always look forward to sharing stories of the work made possible with your support.

As you can see in our cover story, young people who are disengaging from education can find positive pathways to learning. Our students at The Waranara Centre in Marrickville, NSW are progressing in their schooling and we are so proud of those students who achieved their Higher School Certificate last year. On the strength of these achievements, I'm delighted to announce that we're opening a new campus in Paddington in March. This will give more young people the opportunity to re-engage with their education.

Our current campaign highlights the issue of forced marriage in Australia. Our Women's Research, Advocacy and Policy (WRAP) Centre is conducting vital research to identify gaps in services for girls and young women who may suffer harmful, sometimes devastating, consequences of forced marriage.

We celebrated a major achievement on Australia Day when Gendrie Klein-Breteler, a Good Shepherd staff member, received an Order of Australia award. Gendrie's made a significant contribution to women's services in the community since 1972. So well deserved!

These and many other stories highlight how you are helping to create life-changing opportunities for women and girls.

Thank you to our wonderful donors for supporting our Christmas appeal. Your commitment makes a very real difference to so many families.

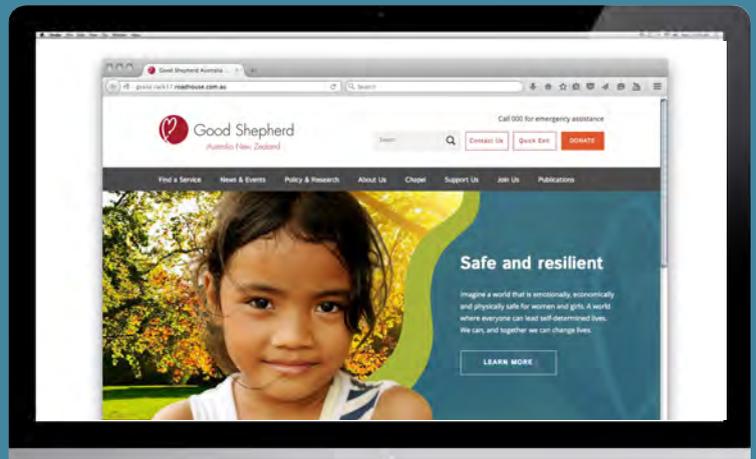
As always, we greatly value your support.

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## Innovations in women's research

A central part of our work is to challenge the systems that entrench poverty, disadvantage and gender inequality. Our Women's Research, Advocacy and Policy (WRAP) Centre is a leader in Australia's social research and policy arena and drives innovation for Good Shepherd services and programs for women and girls. Our WRAP team has conducted research projects exploring a wide range of issues from economic abuse and financial hardship to forced marriage for more than 20 years.

### Good Shepherd calls for focus on forced marriage

Forced marriage has been identified as a significant problem in Victoria; it is complex and multifaceted, with young women and girls at highest risk. Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand has released a Forced Marriage Policy Position Paper to address the issue of forced marriage in Australia, calling for a service system to be established that holds forced marriage victims at its centre.

"Forced marriage is a human rights violation that happens in our community but remains in the shadows," said Yvonne Lay, Development Lead, Safety and Resilience (WRAP Centre). "We know that these marriages can have devastating consequences. Some young girls are prevented from attending school or furthering their education, and are often forced into early pregnancy, which can significantly limit their options in life."



*The work Good Shepherd is doing in Australia, and our research into forced marriage, is contributing to a global effort to protect women and girls from human trafficking. Our organisation is part of an international Good Shepherd network that advocates for social justice for women and girls in more than 70 countries. Good Shepherd has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for its work with women and girls. To read more about forced marriage or any of our research please visit our website [www.goodshep.org.au](http://www.goodshep.org.au).*

## Congratulations Lionel!

Lionel Robberds AM QC has been supporting Good Shepherd as a regular "Good Giver" for more than 10 years. This year Lionel received an Australia Day award for "significant service to the law, to rowing and to the community". Thank you Lionel for your consideration and commitment to Good Shepherd and a better future for women and girls.

To find out more about how you can become a Good Shepherd Good Giver please contact Justin on 03 8412 7370 or visit our website [www.goodshep.org.au](http://www.goodshep.org.au).



## You are changing lives for the better

Thank you to all our wonderful Christmas Appeal donors for assisting women and children at vulnerable times in their lives. You are helping to make a huge difference to many families.

*When a mother and her three children moved to a new suburb after escaping family violence, they were re-entering the private rental market with bond and a month's*

*rent to pay in advance. On top of storage and moving costs, school fees and uniforms for the children, they were faced with a huge financial burden.*

With your assistance Good Shepherd can be there for people with urgent and ongoing needs so they can access services to build the skills and resilience they need. Thank you for helping Good Shepherd change lives.



Firmer Foundations

## Women's Money Wellness

***Financial capability building has been identified as a preventative measure and response for women who have experienced family violence.***

Our Firmer Foundations program supports women to achieve greater financial knowledge and independence. Almost 200 women have completed Women's Money Wellness workshops in the past year.

The program caters for women over 18 years of age who wish to build their financial capability, learn new strategies for financial wellbeing, explore opportunities to build self-confidence and develop a clear vision for their financial future.

**If you would like to know more about this program please email [info@goodshep.org.au](mailto:info@goodshep.org.au)**

*"I now feel confident in managing my money, empowered to make positive change, to make my own choices; I'll benefit from this program for the rest of my life and will pass this onto my son as he gets older."*

LISA - FIRMER FOUNDATIONS PARTICIPANT

## Congratulations Gendrie!

We are incredibly proud and delighted that one of our staff members received an Order of Australia award on Australia Day. Gendrie Klein-Breteler, Mission Engagement Coordinator has been appointed a Member in the General Division for her "significant service to the community through social welfare organisations, particularly to the disadvantaged and women and girls".

Gendrie has been with Good Shepherd since 1972. Over the decades she has provided counselling and integrated support to young women, implemented a women's prison program and set up "Outlandish", an environmental program designed to open up

volunteering and employment opportunities for women in St Kilda, Victoria. Of particular note was her outreach support for women who had been in prison or who were involved in street-based sex work.

Gendrie was keen to share the honour with the whole organisation, saying it has only been possible because she is part of Good Shepherd. "I want to share this with all my colleagues and volunteers at Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand - and the courageous and inspirational women we work with. I'm proud to be part of a network of such dedicated, compassionate and responsive people," she said.



**Congratulations Gendrie, this honour is very well deserved.**

## Thanks to the De Sousa family

The De Sousa family, through the Lionel De Sousa Fund, has been supporting Good Shepherd education programs for more than six years, helping many families buy the books and equipment their children need for school.

*"It's really great that Good Shepherd has helped me get the things my children need; with the right books and uniform my kids feel like they belong. They want to go to school."*

- SARAH, A MUM IN ST ALBANS, WEST OF MELBOURNE

## Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club

Good Shepherd would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club Committee for organising the fabulous and fun Ladies Long Luncheon.

Proceeds from the fundraising lunch will support the kitchen renovation at Good Shepherd's Peninsula Family Violence refuge. Thanks to all the ladies who attended the lunch for their generosity and support.



## Empowering women

The Good Shepherd Community House in St Albans provides support to women and their families in the Brimbank community, west of Melbourne.

"At Good Shepherd Community House we work with women who face challenges arising from issues such as poverty, isolation and family violence," said Hilary Lynch, Community Development Worker.

A number of programs have been developed specifically to empower women by teaching them skills such as sewing. These skills enable women to

generate an income, build their financial capability, increase their knowledge and their economic independence.

"The additional shelving donated by Bunnings will help store our supplies, making our second room a more usable space for other activities. Hopefully we can have two sewing groups at the house at the same time. I'm very excited!"

**Thanks to Brimbank Council, Bunnings and Spotlight for supporting this program and helping Good Shepherd disrupt the intergenerational cycles of disadvantage.**

## A better future for women and girls

Do you have a Will? A legal Will to protect and provide for your loved ones is essential. Without one, someone you don't know may make decisions about exactly what happens to your hard earned assets. When making your Will you might consider a bequest to Good Shepherd.

For a free information booklet about making a Will please call 03 8412 7335 or tick the box on the attached form and return to Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand or visit [www.goodshep.org.au](http://www.goodshep.org.au)



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