

Briefing

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Events in Victoria December 2019

2 December. ‘Beyond the Right to Vote: Homelessness and Voting’. Does the right to vote directly translate into participation and inclusion into the system? The compulsory voting system in Australia boasts a record of high participation rates and initiatives meant to engage even the most marginalised populations. Individuals experiencing homelessness have the same rights to political participation that are protected and constitutionally enshrined to all. This seminar will introduce the presenter’s preliminary results which show a disconnect between social policy approaches to homelessness and attempts to include the population into the electoral process. The presenter will be joined by a person with lived experience of homelessness that will act as a discussant and speak to the ways in which policies shape the lives and participation of those experiencing homelessness. Cost: Free, [registration](#) essential. Light refreshments provided from 12.45pm. 1.00 to 2:00pm. Room 202, Level 2 Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street. Enquiries: Electoral Regulation Research Network 03 8344 5284 or [email](#). [Information](#).

2 December. Panel Discussion: ‘Critical Reflections on Crisis and Emergency Framing’. There is increasing realisation and concern that foundational systems for life are being stretched to breaking point. In this context, narratives of escalating global crisis or emergency are becoming commonplace and there is pressure on key institutions to adopt this framing. In this panel discussion, three climate change researchers and leaders to reflect on the potential and pitfalls of crisis or emergency framings. Presenters include Professor Jon Barnett, Jo Chandler, and Dr Hayley Singer. Cost: Free, [registration](#) essential. 1.00 to 2.00pm. Theatre A (G06), Elisabeth Murdoch Building, Parkville campus, Spencer Road. Enquiries: [email](#). [Information](#).

4 to 6 December. ‘Social Media for Gov Summit’. With eight out of 10 Australians on social media, there is now an increased focus for the public to become more digitally accessible and transparent to the community. In order to engage citizens and inform the public, organisations are now focused on driving consumer engagement and effectively informing decision making across Australia. This is a unique event that will explore some of the most exciting case studies and innovative strategies to maximise social media success. With powerful keynote presentations and panel discussions from Australia’s leading Social Media professionals, this event will address the most significant challenges being faced today and uncover the knowledge, strategies and technology to improve the impact and value of social media efforts. Cost: various, [registration](#) essential. From 9.00am Wednesday, 4 Dec to 5.00pm Friday, 6 Dec. Stamford Plaza Melbourne, 111 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Enquiries: [email](#). [Information](#).

10 December. Ethical Christmas Night Market 2019. Come along for a family friendly night of ethical gifts, food trucks and community at the Ethical Christmas Night Market. Over 60 stalls with fair trade, eco-friendly or home-made wares, and many supporting

great causes locally and overseas. Choose from beautiful Christmas decorations, ethical clothing, homewares, plants, art, children's toys, skincare, jewellery and more. Make the gift of giving a choice that will be good for both planet and people. Cost: Donation on entry. 4.00 to 9.00pm. One Church, 184 Surrey Road, Blackburn. Enquiries: [email](#). [Information](#).

11 December. Social Policy Connections 14th AGM. Members and friends of Social Policy Connections are invited to the 14th Annual General Meeting, commencing at 7.00pm. At 7.30, Fr Bruce Duncan CSsR will deliver an address – 'Pope Francis' advocacy on inequality & the climate emergency. Is it proper? Is it enough?' – followed by light refreshments at 9.00pm. Entry free. Donations welcome. 7.00 to 9.00pm, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill. Download your invitation [here](#).

15 December. Vegan Christmas Market. An entire Atrium at Federation Square filled with over 70 Vegan only products. Just in time for Christmas and exclusively Vegan, Ethical and Sustainable products will be on offer, along with Vegan only food and beverages. Organised by The Melbourne Collective. From 10.00am onwards. Federation Square, Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne. [Information](#).

14 to 17 January. 2020 Conference for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. 'Shook: The Ground-Breaking Ministry of Jesus'. You are invited to an event that speaks to that Gospel and living ministry of the reality of hope and promise that we are called to, as disciples in Christ Jesus. This is no 'comfortable' faith life that we are called to share, but a vibrant and creative way of being that breaks ground, and should be breaking ground, daily. Guest Speakers are Lawrence Hirsch, Executive Director of Celebrate Messiah and Rabbi of Beit HaMashiach, Mark Kwaku Nimo, Director of Faith Formation at St. Columbanus Church and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Michelle Moran, founder member of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. Cost: various, from \$60, [registration](#) essential. From 9.30am Tuesday, 14 Jan to 5.00pm Friday, 17 Jan. St Mary's College, The University of Melbourne, 871 Swanston Street, Parkville. Enquiries: CCR Centre 03 9486 6544. [Information](#).

26 to 28 February. Catholic Social Services Conference: 'Serving Communities with Courage and Compassion'. The conference aims to strengthen and advance our work in Catholic social services through a shared, critical, forward-looking focus on our mission and on the key issues of the day. It aims to celebrate the good work achieved collectively and to be inspired and encouraged to continue our important work. Opening Keynote to be presented by Francis Sullivan, 'The Risk of Integrity', with Dr Ursula Stephens presenting the the Mary MacKillop Oration at the conference dinner, and Debra Zanella who will deliver the closing keynote on 'Courageous Mission at the Margins'. The program includes a panel of young Catholic professionals sharing their perspectives of working in the sector, a special forum focussing on how to harness media to advance mission and powerful advocacy, how Catholic social services is challenged to advance Indigenous recognition, and several workshops on the key issues facing our sector and our organisations. Conference MC is ABC presenter Charlie King. Cost: various, [registration](#) essential. Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Enquiries: Lucia Brick 03 9287 5566 or [email](#). [Information](#).

4 April. Voices for Justice Annual Dinner. Celebrating those who speak out where there is silence. You are invited to join the Voices for Justice Human Rights Watch (HWR) Annual Dinner and become part of the global community dedicated to protecting

and defending humanrights. Luminare, corner Browns Lane and York Street, South Melbourne. RSVP essential to Kate Rosenberg 0419 505 354 or [email](#). [Information](#).

16 to 18 April. National Treaties Summit 2020. Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR), the University of Melbourne and the National Native Title Council will be collaborating with other key partners and stakeholders to host the National Treaties Summit as a landmark gathering of First Nations representatives, leading academics, politicians and supporters to engage in a national dialogue of agreement-making and treaty. This summit is a national dialogue about the importance of agreement-making, a chance to compare and share experiences from Australian jurisdictions, to explore international experience and to contribute to the momentum of treaty and agreement-making across Australia. Participants will hear from key leaders such as Professor Marcia Langton, June Oscar AO, Prof. Mick Dodson, Justice Jo Williams, Peter Yu, Dr Jackie Huggins and Tony McAvoy. Cost: various, [registration](#) now open. From 9.00am Thursday, 16 Apr to 5.00pm Saturday, 18 Apr. University of Melbourne Parkville. Enquiries: [email](#). [Information](#).

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