



Social Workers celebrate World Social Work Day

World Social Work day is being celebrated by social workers and their colleagues around the country today, with events in most capital cities. Many of the events focus on the role social workers played in the aftermath of the bushfires in Victoria.

AASW ACT Branch is holding a BBQ and Seminar

This event will include a welcome to Canberra for the UK Office of Child Youth and Family Services social workers, and a special presentation: *The Social Work Role in Bushfire Recovery*, Guest speaker Chris Healy, former Director of the Canberra Bushfire Recovery Centre.

5.30pm Rose Garden Australian Catholic University.

AASW NSW Branch is launching the first Social Work Industry Night.

Members and non-members welcome.

5.30pm, Marlborough Hotel, Newtown.

AASW NT branch is holding a debate and an awards ceremony.

On Friday March 27 there will be a debate on the merits of the new Family and Domestic Violence legislation in the NT. After the debate, there will be a reception at the NT Assembly building where the winner of the Mary Moylan award will be announced.

AASW Queensland Branch and Griffiths University are holding a forum, *Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda*.

5.45pm, Building S05, Room 2.04, Griffith University.

AASW SA Branch is holding a breakfast

This event will include a delicious breakfast and a presentation from SACOSS Chair Simon Schrapel. 7.00am, Regatta's Bistro, Adelaide Convention Centre.

AASW Vic Branch is holding a breakfast meeting with Desley Hargreaves, talking about the social work response to the Victorian bushfires.

7:15am, EQ Café Bar, 1 Riverside Terrace, Southbank.

AASW WA Branch is launching the pilot of the *Social Worker of the Year* awards

7.00pm, Botanical One Room, Burswood Convention Centre.

"World Social Work Day is a chance for us all to celebrate the importance of our profession to the whole community. The services provided to clients, their families, their communities and the nation is critical in supporting Australians," said AASW National President Professor Bob Lonne.

AASW CEO Kandie Allen-Kelly said "Social workers play vital roles in the recovery from the Victorian bushfires, for example, working in dedicated emergency and rehabilitation services, but also in hospitals, aid organisations, local Government, Centrelink, housing services, schools, Victorian Government agencies such as DHS and elsewhere. Their commitment and contribution is celebrated today."