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MANAGER'S REVIEW

This has been a busy year with increases in various funding streams and an expansion of service provision. The workers have responded to the increased expectations and have utilized their professional development opportunities to skill themselves up to respond to new challenges. Two senior workers, who had been with the agency for over 10 years, moved on to new career opportunities and were sorely missed but their replacements have ably filled their shoes. SECASA retains a deep reservoir of knowledge and experience with a significant number of staff having been at the Centre for over 10 years. It is an inspiring organization with amazing staff committed to helping victim/survivors of sexual assault and family and domestic violence and young people and their families dealing with sexually abusive behaviours.

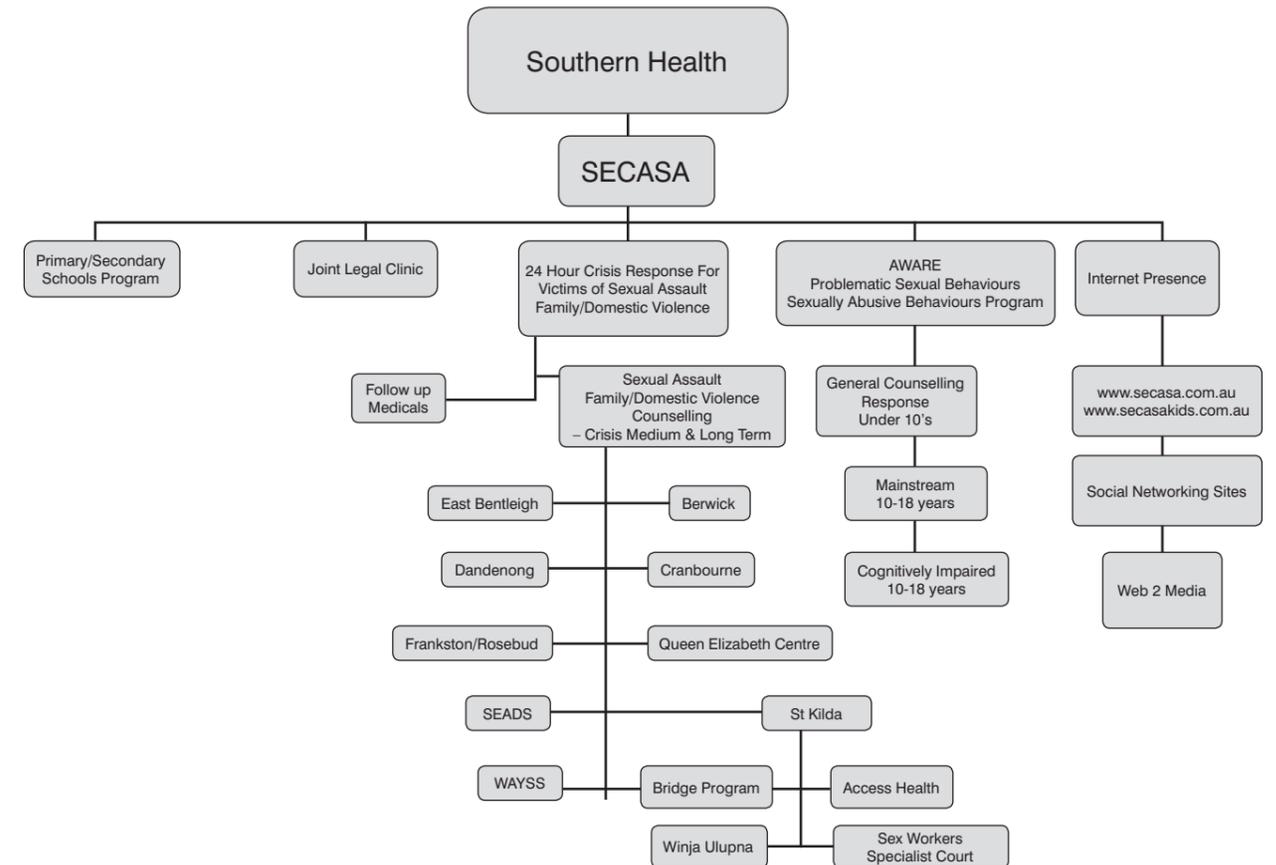
This year we have increased our efforts to make the service accessible to a wide range of people. A plaque was erected acknowledging the Bunurong people and paying SECASA's respects to their Elders. A new website was developed for the under 18 year olds and SECASA increased its presence in the social networking scene by establishing the SECASAkids website and a page on Facebook. A camp was conducted for young African mothers focusing on respectful relationships and non violent interactions. A final challenge has been providing a service for children living with adults placed on the Sex Offender Register.

The middle management level in the agency continues to take on new responsibilities as accountability to Southern Health increases and the agency grows in size. All three sub regions, ably led by their team leaders, and the AWARE program have continued to be involved in local and program specific committees representing SECASA in a variety of forums. SECASA is represented on the CASA Forum, the adolescent sex offender program peak body CEASE and a number of state-wide committees. Our direct service informs our input into these bodies and continues to be the most important part of the organization.

During all the hard work and challenges the staff have continued to be a source of inspiration. They have coped with the service broadening its focus and the requirements for them to broaden their practice in response. The office managers have maintained their sense of balance and humour and contributed to the smooth running of the organization. Everyone at SECASA has continued to create a supportive, pleasant environment within which to work for which I thank them all wholeheartedly.

I would also like to thank the Public Affairs and Communication staff at Southern Health who are particularly supportive of me in my role as Convenor of the CASA Forum with all its media requirements.

ABOUT SECASA



SERVICE HISTORY

The Sexual Assault Centre was originally set up at the Queen Victoria Medical Centre, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, in 1977. This was the first Centre to provide services to victim/survivors of sexual assault in Melbourne. In 1987 the Centre moved with the Queen Victoria Medical Centre to the new premises of Monash Medical Centre in Clayton.

From 1987 until 1993 the Centre was known as the Monash Sexual Assault Centre and was situated within the Social Work Department at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton. In February 1993 it moved to separate premises adjoining Monash

Medical Centre's Moorabbin site and changed its name to the South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA) The Honourable Minister for Health, Mrs. Marie Tehan, officially opened the new premises on October 8th, 1993.

Whilst having the administrative centre on the Moorabbin site of Monash Medical Centre, SECASA operates from 7 other permanent locations and provides a visiting service in several others including Rosebud.



SERVICES PROVIDED

SECASA provides services in the Southern Metropolitan Region to children and adults, female and male, who have experienced sexual assault and family and domestic violence. The Centre works with non-offending family members, partners, caregivers and support workers and children and young people with problematic sexual behaviours and sexually abusive behaviours.

The Southern Metropolitan Region encompasses the south-east suburbs of Melbourne and covers the Mornington Peninsula, Westernport and the Dandenong, Berwick, Cranbourne and Pakenham growth corridors.

The Department of Human Services Protective Services refer their clientele for a range of specialist services including assessment and treatment.

The **AWARE program** provides services for 4-18 year olds. Services for children with problematic sexual behaviour are provided in the counselling victim service. Young people with sexually abusive behaviours are seen in the AWARE program which operates in East Bentleigh, Dandenong and Frankston. AWARE provides assessment and treatment for mainstream young people and young people with cognitive impairment.

Respect, Protect, Connect and Feeling Safe Together are programs conducted in secondary and primary schools throughout the entire region. Respect, Protect, Connect celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2006.

The **Angela Taylor Child Protection Unit** operates with wider boundaries than the Southern Metropolitan Region providing a service for all children who live south of the Yarra. Children living north of the Yarra attend the Royal Children's Hospital Gatehouse Centre. Medical examinations are conducted by the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service.

For the past 17 years Springvale Monash Legal Service and SECASA have run a joint legal service for clients who live within the region.

SECASA provides a 24 hour service for victims of family violence to discuss their options with a counselor at the Crisis Care Unit. A counselling service is also provided across the region for those exposed to family and domestic violence. This service operates for children and adults.

The website continues after twelve years to provide a wide range of information accessible twenty-four hours a day. In order to make information about sexual and physical assault more accessible to young people, SECASA has created a youth website and Facebook page as this is the format they currently find more acceptable than traditional information sharing systems. SECASA has also started to answer questions about sexual assault and violence posted on Yahoo answers and Somazone which are community driven question and answer sites aimed at young people.

Finally, professional and community education is provided throughout the region.



LOCATION

SECASA is auspiced by Southern Health. Counselling is provided in a variety of settings. The Centre's administration and some counselling services are based in a house on the grounds of the of Monash Medical Centre Moorabbin in Centre Road, East Bentleigh. Five workers are housed in the hospital annexe. Workers also operate in permanent locations in Frankston, Clayton, Berwick, St Kilda, Dandenong and Cranbourne.

The Frankston service has seven staff co-located in the Peninsula Sexual Assault Centre with Victoria Police. Dandenong has five workers located at the Visy Cares Centre. The Cranbourne and Berwick workers are located at the City of Casey's Cranbourne and Berwick Family Resource Centres and the St Kilda workers at the Salvation Army Bridge Project. The AWARE program has six workers based at Frankston.

SECASA is committed to providing an accessible service. The service will continue to locate workers out in the region with Moorabbin serving as an administrative base.

The range of services provided by SECASA encompasses:

- 24 hour crisis counselling and medical care
- crisis counselling (short-term) for victim/survivors of sexual assault and family violence
- supportive counselling (medium term/long term) for victim/survivors of sexual assault and family violence

- counselling for children under 10 with problematic sexual behaviour
- movement therapy
- creative therapy
- after hours family violence counselling
- treatment programs for mainstream young people with sexually abusive behaviours and for young people with cognitive impairment with sexually abusive behaviours
- medical follow-up
- groups for adult survivors, children, adolescents and non-offending parents, partners and caregivers
- legal service for criminal injuries claims
- legal advocacy
- reports for courts and tribunals
- interpreter services
- secondary consultation
- community education
- professional training
- student supervision
- supervision for workers in community agencies
- research.

MISSION STATEMENT

To reduce, and ultimately eliminate, sexual assault and family violence through individual and social change.

AIMS

SECASA aims to provide:

- A comprehensive service which responds to the needs of those who have been sexually assaulted or suffered family violence, including crisis care, counselling, medical care and advocacy
- Information and education to raise community awareness of the nature and incidence of sexual assault and family violence
- Awareness and prevention focused programs.

CRISIS SERVICES

AFTER HOURS SEXUAL ASSAULT

SECASA provides a 24-hour crisis care service from the Crisis Care Unit within the Emergency Department at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton and a 24 hour crisis care response at PenSAC in Frankston. These services help victim/survivors during the initial crisis following a recent sexual assault. Counselors provide support, information and advocacy enabling those using the service to make informed choices in relation to reporting to Police, legal action and medical care.

Follow-up counselling is offered at a convenient site either at

East Bentleigh, Clayton, Frankston, Rosebud, Dandenong, St Kilda, Berwick or Cranbourne as well as a number of locations catering for clients with special needs.

From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, 251 people aged eighteen years and over attended the two Crisis Care Units. Under 18 year olds were seen in The Angela Taylor Crisis Care Unit at Monash Medical Centre Clayton.



PenSAC Multidisciplinary Centre – Frankston.

AFTER HOURS FAMILY VIOLENCE

From 1 February 1999 SECASA was funded to provide an enhanced after hours service for victims of family violence. This service is provided to single women, women with children and same sex couples. Several services cooperate to provide this service SECASA, WAYSS, WAYSS Domestic Violence Outreach Service and the Salvation Army Crisis Service. SECASA provides the after hours counselling, referral and accommodation. WAYSS also funds accommodation for people needing emergency accommodation overnight along with the Salvation Army providing a range of support services at 9 am the next business day.

Follow-up counselling is provided by SECASA in the Outer South. In the Inner and Middle South, although SECASA provides an after hours service the follow up counselling is provided by a coalition of Inner South Community Health Service, Connections and Family Life.

From 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010, 38 women and their children attended for after hours assistance and 30 were supported over the telephone.

THE ANGELA TAYLOR CHILD PROTECTION UNIT



The Angela Taylor Child Protection Unit provides a medical service for all physically and sexually abused children who live south of the Yarra. The other half of the state has a service provided by the Gatehouse Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital. During business hours paediatric forensic medicals are conducted in sessions run by the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service. After hours medicals are provided by an after-hours doctors' roster for sexual assault cases or the Emergency Department Paediatric Registrar for physical abuse cases.

COUNSELLING

SECASA provides free, medium to long-term, confidential counselling to adults/children, male and female victims of both recent and past sexual assault and family violence. Counselling and support is also available to non-offending parents, partners, caregivers and support workers. Some home visits are undertaken and residents of the Queen Elizabeth Residential Complex receive a twenty-four hour response to a request for counselling.

Male clients are able to choose either a female or a male counselor.

From 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 there were 1443 new contacts with the agency.

TELEPHONE COUNSELLING AND INFORMATION SERVICE

A worker is on duty from 9am. - 5.30 pm each weekday to provide telephone counselling, case consultation and an information and referral service for victim/survivors, their partners, close friends, family members and other agencies.

The duty/intake worker is available for emergency presentations and secondary consultation for the Department of Human Services and other community agencies.

After hours, at weekends and on public holidays service is provided by the statewide Sexual Assault Crisis Line.

AWARE

SECASA provides services for children and youth with problematic sexual behaviours (PSB) and sexually abusive behaviours (SAB) from the age of 4 through to 18 in the AWARE program. The under

10 year olds are seen by the victim counsellors. Ten to 18 year olds are seen by clinicians who work with youth with sexually abusive behaviours.



WEBSITE

The SECASA website went online in 1999. It was officially launched by the then Minister for Women's Affairs, The Honourable Sherryl Garbutt in 2000. Since this date the website has been continually improved and extended.

For 2009-10 there were 244 886 unique visitors. This was an increase of 58 933 visitors from the previous 12 months. This breaks down to nearly 700 people a day and totals half a million visitors in the last two years alone.

Over the last 12 months the cyber outreach team has answered a total of 538 questions from young people. The engaging youth project has now been expanded to include a Facebook page and the creation of the SECASA kids website aimed at 12-17 year olds. The purpose of this site is to provide information to support the cyber outreach project. The site has 100 pages of new material written for young people covering issues raised in their questions during the course of the online outreach service.

The secasa@myspace page continues to be popular and had 6579 visitors over the past twelve months.

SECASA's web team workers joined the steering committee to help organize the First International Online Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention in conjunction with Georgia Babatsikos of Deakin University. This e-conference attracted speakers from all over the world as well as a worldwide audience.



SECASA main website



SECASAKids website

GROUP WORK

In 2009/2010 SECASA facilitated a range of groups. These included

- Women Reclaiming Their Sexuality After Sexual Assault
- Sharing the Journey. A support group for women who are survivors of childhood sexual assault – Narre Warren South
- Mosaic Group - Frankston
- Clay Group
- Men's Development Group - Frankston
- Non offending Parents/Carers
- Adult Female Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault – Narre Warren
- Monthly Follow-Up Support Group Female Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault
- Young Women's Workshop
- Adult Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault
- Adult Female Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault – East Bentleigh
- Coffee Group for Female Survivors of Domestic and Family Violence Frankston
- Victims No Longer – Male Survivors Weekend
- Mindfulness Training for Children
- African Young Women's Camp

Victims No Longer Male Survivor Weekend Retreat – March 2010 was the fourth weekend retreat. Thirty men travelled to Maldon, Derby Hill Blue Light Youth Camp, arriving for dinner on Friday evening.

The weekend was facilitated by Mike Lew, the author of **Victims No Longer, A Guide for Men Recovering from Sexual Child Abuse**. The event is hard work mixed in with fun.

The men discover that there are other men who are also on the road to recovery and each year the group develops strong support bonds leading to the maintenance of an email tree.

The Sunday lunchtime barbeque is both a celebration and a sad time as the men prepare to return home. The men find this weekend an important part of their recovery and for some it is the beginning of breaking down the isolation they have experienced. Men came from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Port Lincoln and Perth to take place in the weekend.

Max Clark, SECASA Counselor/Advocate.

WORK IN SCHOOLS

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ANTI VIOLENCE WORKSHOPS – RESPECT, PROTECT, CONNECT

This program is a joint venture between Women's Health in the South East and SECASA. It has been funded for the past 14 years by the Department of Human Services. This program provides interactive workshops in secondary schools principally in the Southern Region to participants in years 7-12. These workshops are conducted as single-sex sessions using young adult peer educators. The broad aims are to reduce violence, promote consent and mutuality in relationships, and to affirm positive and respectful ways for young people to relate to others and themselves.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOPS – FEELING SAFE TOGETHER

The **Feeling Safe Together** program utilizes the successful skills for safety from protective education programs that were in existence in the 1980's, both in Australia and overseas. SECASA has enhanced these with material strategic to the current needs and personal/social difficulties facing Victorian children, their families and teachers today.

This program has become the basis for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's manuals for an Advanced Safety Program. This Advanced Safety Program is to be rolled out across the State. As the Advanced Safety Program has not yet been incorporated in the statewide curriculum SECASA is still running Feeling Safe Together.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Professional education is an important activity for SECASA. During 2009-2010 the agency maintained its commitment to this activity and provided training and information within the hospital and region. SECASA became the lead agency for the Statewide Workforce Development Project for the sexual assault field with Sarah McGregor taking on the training co-ordinator role.

Regular talks were given to the Emergency Department nurses, obstetric and gynaecology and paediatric registrars at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton and Emergency Department staff at Frankston and Dandenong hospitals.

SECASA participated in the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team training courses at the Police Academy, the Detective Training courses and provided secondary consultations to a wide range of local agencies.

Information and education were provided at workshops for the following organisations:-

- Workshop A – Forming a foundation for working with clients who have been sexually assaulted
- Workshop B – Building blocks to safe sexual assault counselling
- Greater Dandenong community health service
- Southern Health psychiatric nurses – Dandenong Hospital
- Chisholm TAFE – Children’s Diploma Students
- Port Phillip community team – Rosebud
- Teacher training – Brighton
- Gippsland CASA workers
- Karingal Connecting Families

- Workshop for male survivors
- Monash Social Work distance education students
- Vicarious Trauma - Peninsula Health
- Cranbourne Complex Care Team
- Southern Health “Care in Context”
- Critical Linkages Dandenong
- Healthy Mothers. Healthy Babies
- Workshop for partners of male victims who attended Mike Lew weekend retreat
- Peninsula Health nurse graduate education program
- Needle Exchange workers St Kilda
- Peninsula Mental Health Service – lunchtime seminar for community clinicians.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community information sessions are run regularly at East Bentleigh, Frankston, Cranbourne and Dandenong. Biannual information sessions continue to be conducted for the Frankston, Dandenong, Cheltenham and Box Hill offices of the Department of Human Services and the Frankston, Dandenong, Moorabbin, Blackburn, Melbourne and Knox offices of the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Units.

The Centre was also involved in Community Safety Week, the Gay Pride March and the Midsumma Festival providing publicity for the service in the gay and lesbian communities.

During 2009/2010 the agency was involved in public education forums and information days for

- Fountain Gate Secondary College
- Rosebud Community Information Support Service
- Hihett Mothers Group
- Walk Against Violence
- Dandenong Secondary College
- Reclaim The Night
- Mentone Secondary College
- Kingston Youth Forum
- Lilydale Secondary College

CONFERENCES

‘Melbourne’s Ground Breaking Couples All Day Workshop’ Healing and Hope for Male Survivors – John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City – Max Clarke

‘On The Road to Where? A Discussion About the Appropriateness of Restorative Justice for Cases of Sexual Assault and Family Violence’ VOTA Conference Melbourne – Carolyn Worth

“I can’t take it anymore. I’m going to kill myself on Tuesday” Delivering Sexual Assault Information to Youth Using New Technologies. First International On-line Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention – Carolyn Worth

SPECIAL PROJECTS

CALENDAR

SECASA creates, in conjunction with Anne Riggs, a visual artist who runs art groups for victim/survivors of sexual assault, an annual calendar. The 2010 calendar featured pictures of spectacular mosaics created by a very talented group of women.



VICTORIAN HONOUR ROLL OF WOMEN

Lesley Hewitt was the first manager of SECASA when it was the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Sexual Assault Centre. Ms Hewitt continued her involvement with SECASA by being actively involved in the Advisory Committee for over 10 years. Lesley was successfully nominated for the Victorian Honour Roll of Women by SECASA.



Left to right: Lesley Hewitt and Maxine Morand (Minister for Women's Affairs)

MIKE LEW VISIT

Mike Lew ran a Victims No Longer residential workshop in Maldon for the fourth year running in March 2010. This was extremely successful with a number of men attending for the third and fourth year. The men have continued to provide support through an email tree since this retreat. They have started filming a DVD about their Maldon experience to provide hope and encouragement for other men who have assaulted in their childhood. It is anticipated this will be launched in February 2011.



Left to right, Michael Stretton, Miles Millward, (hidden) Jamie Walker, Ossie Metcalf, Aden Green, Grant Meaclem, Maxwell Clarke, Brian Butler, Michael Del Monaco

AASW SEXUAL ASSAULT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

This Special Interest Group has been in existence since early 2005. Having initially decided on a couple of tasks which have become regular occurrences – the twice yearly Sexual assault Group and Training Calendar and Mike Lew's annual tour – the group had been searching for a new direction.

It is now

- providing a focus for people working with sexual assault to raise issues
- offering support for people working with sexual assault
- providing a forum to raise issues around sexual assault and support to address those issues at all levels

ART THERAPY GROUPS

Anne Riggs is a visual artist. Her association with SECASA began in 2005 when she worked with participants and counselors in Berwick to make a number of mosaics.

Anne has worked closely with SECASA to run a number of art projects for women who have experienced sexual abuse. Each year a SECASA calendar is created showcasing the work of the women who take part in the groups. This enables the women to make a public statement about their healing.

I am a survivor. At least I am told that is the case, sometimes I find it very hard to believe. When I was asked if I would like to join the art group I thought about it for a long time. Not only would I stand out by being in a large powered wheel chair, but I would have to mix with people I did not know – a very daunting prospect.

The first day was hell, I was in a strange room with no easy exit, no support person and everyone else appeared to know each other from a previous course. I just wanted to run away, but there was something about the feel of the clay in my hands, which made me stay. I later discovered there were other new women and they were just as shy as me!

I have now participated in three of Anne's art groups, using paint, mosaics and of course clay.

Over time, I have realized that the art group is a place of security and comfort. We are all women who have been badly hurt in some way. Here I can feel safe knowing that I can relax my guard and enjoy working on something that I have created on my own.

For me, clay is magic, when I turn on my music and pick up the clay, my hands and thoughts join together and something emerges.

Often Anne will talk about an artist or a piece of work, and suggest we might like to think about it. Sometimes my hands will follow her suggestion, but at other times my mind will take over and the clay becomes a way to express something that is too painful to talk about.

Frequently I will cry as I am working through a very difficult memory, but it does not matter, because no one minds, they don't intrude, or tell me to "pull myself together", we have a common bond. When I look at my work some of it is frightening, some gentle and positive, while other pieces appear to be just formless lumps of clay. These ones I will smash one day. A few are so painful that I cannot bear to look at them once they are fired; these hold memories that are still too painful to deal with.

As I have worked through all the art groups I have noticed a pattern slowly emerging in my work, now I realize the amorphous figure I continuously depict is actually me.

Sometimes she is in a flashback scene, but at other times I will stroke her gently and give her the love I have always craved. Now with this realization, my work is changing again; I think I am reaching deeper into myself, trying to consciously, and visually, face the violence that was done to me. Without the freedom of my art I could not do any of this.

Now I photograph my work, and if I feel like it, show my counselor. Then we can confront the dragons together.



ROSEBUD GROUP

The Moving On From Violence beginning and advanced groups were run during 2009-10. These two groups offered woman an opportunity to explore the full impact of violence on themselves and relatives and friends. They explored feelings, thoughts and behaviours, learned about legal processes and support options for victims, family members and their violent partners.



Kathy, Michelle, Sasiskan, Marilyn, Annie, Rita, Natasha

SECASA'S FIRST WEDDING

Two of SECASA's clients Beryl and Ossie found each other and fell in love while involved with SECASA. They were married on a wonderful summer's day with a number of the Victims No Longer men in attendance. SECASA wishes them a long and happy future together.



Ossie, Jamie, Beryl, Brett, Miles, Aden

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR POST TRAUMATIC MENTAL HEALTH (ACPMH)

The collaborative project with the ACPMH to promote the use of evidence-based practice based on the Australian Guidelines for the Treatment of adults with ASD and PTSD came to a conclusion in 2010.

The pilot was intended to provide training in the use of the treatment protocol and to evaluate the immediate and short-term impact of training on staff competence and on best-practice uptake in the medium to long-term.

DVD

A DVD is being created by a group of the men who attend the weekend retreat at Maldon about their experience of the weekend.

The DVD is intended to show their journey of recovery. Eight men have been interviewed for the DVD along with Mike Lew and Carolyn Worth, Manager, SECASA.

Filming took place at the retreat in Maldon and other locations around Melbourne.

SECASA KIDS WEBSITE

The SECASA kids website was launched by the Child Safety Commissioner Bernie Geary. It was an exciting event with Juliet Summers, SECASA on-line project worker providing a summary of young people's access to social networking sites and the rationale for SECASA creating a youth specific website. The website was made possible by the generosity of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. The Foundation's Leigh Wallace attended the launch.



Left to right: Shelly Park, Chief Executive Southern Health, Leigh Wallace, Director Grants and Philanthropy Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation, Carolyn Worth, SECASA

AFRICAN YOUNG WOMENS CAMP

In April 2010 Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau's Youthlinks team and the South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault collaborated to take eleven young Sudanese women and their 12 small children on camp. The camp was generously funded by the Integrated Family Violence Reform Partnership. The camp's purpose was to provide an environment where the participants could discuss relationships, parenting, assertiveness and health whilst promoting inclusion, connectedness and wellbeing.

The women attending the camp were able to take part in activities such as beach walks, a giant swing, and a clay workshop with artist Anne Riggs. The women were also able to enjoy some time for self care whilst their babies and children were looked after nearby. The camp provided opportunities for developing friendships, discussing parenting and relationships and increasing knowledge of services.



*Back row: Dagmar Jenkins (SECASA), Tabby, Nyadouth, Nekan
Middle row: Ding, Naima, Nyanyal, Winter, Nyabol, Deu
Front Row: Callaghan Campos (Youthlinks), Saeeda, Hanna Kopel (Youthlinks)*

NEW WORKSHOP ON VICARIOUS TRAUMA

Over the past 12 months, Kerrie Bence and Robyn Breheny have developed new training for workers on vicarious trauma. The aims of the training include:

- to increase workers knowledge of vicarious trauma; what it is and its effects
- to help workers understand the difference between vicarious trauma, burnout and compassion fatigue
- to develop workers awareness of risk factors and protective factors for vicarious trauma
- to help workers develop protective strategies to minimize the possible negative effects of trauma exposure from their work

To date, the training has been provided to the following agencies:

- Anglicare Frankston
- ERHMA

- Cranbourne Information and Support Service
- South East Alcohol and Drug Service Adult counselors
- Chisholm TAFE

Further requests have been received to train staff from Southern Health care in context program and Bendigo CASA.

A full day workshop was also run for staff from a variety of different agencies at Casey Hospital on 15th October, 2010.

PLAQUE UNVEILING

SECASA unveiled a plaque acknowledging the original owners of the land past, present and future the Bunurong people. The welcome to country was performed by Aboriginal Elder Aunty Maria Starcevic. Uncle Pat Farrant attended from the Dandenong and District Aboriginal Co-operative and Rob Hudson, Member for Bentleigh spoke after the ceremony.



Left to right: Carolyn Worth, Pat Farrant, Rob Hudson and Aunty Maria Starcevic

SPRINGVALE MONASH LEGAL SERVICE / SECASA JOINT LEGAL CLINIC

This service has now been in operation for seventeen years. It provides a quality legal service for SECASA clients. The Clinic provides assistance in relation to the following:

- Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal
- appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- action against religious bodies
- civil actions against offenders where appropriate
- family law and wills issues related to sexual assault
- liaison with Medical Practitioners Board
- assistance with complaints to the Health Service Commission
- sexual assault in a therapeutic relationship
- advocacy/support for complainants required to give evidence in criminal proceedings
- family violence issues and intervention orders arising from sexual assault
- workplace pressure to provide sexual services
- general advocacy in relation to the above with housing authorities, police, the Departments of Social Security, Human Services and Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Law Institute

The clinic maintained this focus when amendments to the criminal injuries legislation brought pain and suffering back as a category from 1st January 2001 in relation to compensation for victims of sexual assault.

It continues to provide an amazing service to SECASA's clients. Meghan Butterworth and Janine Hill-Buxton have provided supervision to the students and volunteers. Janine has covered the clinic whilst Meghan was on maternity leave.

MEETING REPRESENTATION

- Cardinia Shire Youth Services Network
- CASA Forum
- CEASE
- Counsellor/Advocate Forum Planning Committee
- Cranbourne Community Information Support Services
- Cranbourne District Community Services Group
- Cunningham Dax Committee – Trauma Art
- Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd.
- Dandenong Youth Network
- Empowering Young People Project – Office of Child Safety Commissioner
- Family Violence Statewide Advisory Committee
- Frankston Men's Alliance
- Frankston-Peninsula PCP
- Frankston Police Youth Assist Program
- Inner Middle Integrated Family Violence Reform
- Inner Middle Integrated Family Violence Reform Executive
- Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence
- Joint Legal Clinic Steering Committee
- Kingston Bayside Youth Network
- MMC Moorabbin Site Meeting
- Mornington Peninsula Domestic Violence Network
- Occupational Health and Safety Meeting
- Outer South Integrated Family Violence Partnership
- PCP Casey
- Primary Care Partnerships – Peninsula, Greater Dandenong
- Peninsula Indigenous Action Group
- Peninsula Child Advocacy Group
- Peninsula Counselors Network
- Rosebud Service Providers
- Sexual Assault Crisis Response Liaison
- Sexual Assault Workforce Development Project
- Southern Collective Against Violence and Abuse
- Southern Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Steering Committee
- Statewide Advisory Committee to Prevent Sexual Assault
- Vic Safe Committee
- Victoria Police SOCA Units – Frankston, Dandenong, Moorabbin, Knox, Box Hill
- Westernport Counselors Group
- WHISE/SECASA RPC Reference Group
- Women's Mental Health Network
- Same Sex Attracted Youth Workers Network – Rainbow Group
- Victorian Offender Treatment Association
- Sexual Assault – Women and Cognitive Impairment Reference Group
- Victorian Centres Against Sexual Assault Forum
- Victorian Offender Treatment Association
- Women's Mental Health Network

STAFFING

MANAGER	Carolyn Worth	
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SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST	Sally Kempler Karla Lopez Russell Pratt (resigned)	
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ONLINE PROJECT WORKER	Juliet Summers (part-time)	
NURSE	Amanda Cula (part-time)	
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SPRINGVALE MONASH LEGAL SERVICE / SECASA JOINT LEGAL CLINIC

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FUNDING

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Sexual Assault Support Services – Department of Human Services Office of Children	2 228 264
Forensic Community Services – Department of Human Services ACMH – Mental Health – PDSS	147 342
Sexual Abuse Behaviour Treatment Services - Department of Human Services	426 811
Family Violence Support Services Department of Human Services	244 399
Family Violence After Hours Service Responding to Risk	63 519
Additional Treatment Places for Sexually Abusive Behaviours 15 – 17 year olds Department of Justice	143 200
Workforce development	96 285
TOTAL	\$3 419 777

DONATIONS

Lorraine Summers	books/clothing
Bayside Quilters	111 quilts
Moorabbin Campus Ladies Auxiliary	\$1,000
Lions Club Moorabbin	\$500
Lions Club Clarinda	blankets, scarves, hats, toys
Anonymous Client	\$100
Zonta Club Frankston	care packs
Sai Organisation of Aust. & PNG	toiletries
Methodist Ladies College	\$440
Jodie Smith/Margaret Behrendt	Christmas presents for clients
Tara Cawley	\$200

BAYSIDE QUILTERS

The Bayside Quilters have again donated a large number of wonderful quilts to SECASA.

This year was the largest number of quilts ever donated. There were 111. These quilts continue to be a source of pleasure and comfort for some of our most damaged clients both child and adult.



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