

Empirical Findings and Theory Developments in Restorative Justice: Where Are We Now?

23–25 February 2005

Canberra, ACT

This conference will be hosted by the International Network for Research on Restorative Justice and the Centre for Restorative Justice, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University. The focus will be on new empirical findings in the area of restorative justice, with keynote speakers to include John Braithwaite, Lawrence Sherman, Lode Walgrave and Heather Strang. Abstracts for presentations may be sent by 15 December 2004 to Heather Strang at heather.strang@anu.edu.au

Further information is available from the Regulatory Institutions Network at <http://regnet.anu.edu.au/events/RJconf/program.htm>

Improving Policing for Women in the Asia Pacific Region

21–24 August 2005

Darwin, NT

The improvement of policing for women in the Asia Pacific Region is the focus of this conference. Within a feminist framework, delegates from Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and Asia will explore how policing can better protect women's human rights, develop strategies to improve the number of women in key decision making positions within policing, and create a network of women that can work to improve policing for women in the Asia Pacific region.

Further information is available from the Australasian Council of Women and Policing at <http://www.auspol-women.asn.au/>

For more conferences and events visit the Conferences page on the ACSSA website: <http://www.aifs.gov.au/acssa/conferences.html>

NEW PUBLICATION

Making Waves: Attending to Lesbian Relationship Violence

Outline provided by *Wayward Concepts*

Making Waves is the first Australian publication written and produced for the lesbian community and professionals in the field of domestic violence. It is a 120-page resource manual exploring issues relating to lesbians who experience relationship abuse. It contains articles on discrimination, feminist analysis and legal rights, and includes resources on relationship abuse suitable for the lesbian community and professional service providers.

Making Waves is intended to stimulate and inform discussion about lesbian relationship violence: discussions that can be carried into kitchens, bedrooms, coffee shops and workplaces. It is hoped the book will also encourage existing organisations to improve access to services for lesbians experiencing relationship violence.

Making Waves has been written and published as a result of Lesbians Initiating Positive Strategies (LIPS) consultations with lesbians and feminists in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales. LIPS has been active in raising lesbian relationship violence issues on the New South Wales North Coast for the last six years.

Kassa Bird, having previously worked with the Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre in Melbourne, where she initiated the development of lesbian domestic violence resources, brought to the North Coast her commitment to continue raising awareness and developing resources for the lesbian community. LIPS evolved from these initiatives, and now offers this groundbreaking resource manual to the Australian lesbian community and women's services providers. Wayward Concepts, a feminist small publisher, is proud to assist in making this resource available.



Making Waves is available through *Wayward Concepts*, PO Box 2163, Byron Bay NSW 2481 at a cost of \$25 per copy for individuals and \$30 per copy for organisations (including postage and handling). Make cheques payable to *Wayward Concepts*, ABN: 54 351 363 720. For more information email: phoenix@versa.com.au

Lesbian relationship violence training

A training program is being offered to services by *Wayward Concepts*, to accompany the resources in the *Making Waves* manual. See the "Training" column elsewhere in this issue of *ACSSA Aware*.