



**Caroline  
Chisholm  
Society**

# Newsletter

Summer Edition - Feb 2017

**Open House  
All welcome!**



Please join us

From 11am till Noon

Saturday 4 March 2017

at

**977 Mt Alexander Road,  
Essendon VIC 3040**

Would you like to  
join us at our

**Official  
opening?**

If you've not received  
an invitation,  
please email us at:

[secretary@caroline.org.au](mailto:secretary@caroline.org.au)

The opening requires RSVP  
and details will be  
provided to you if you  
get in touch with us.



Caroline Chisholm Society  
is about to launch  
a new website!

Keep an eye out at:  
[www.caroline.org.au](http://www.caroline.org.au)

## From the CEO

As I draft this note to you all, I am sitting at a desk filled with light streaming through glass bricks in a window facing north. The team are downstairs welcoming families to our office, albeit while still trying to sort out goods and put up signage. Our volunteers are starting to return, but in small numbers while we get the place ready for them and we await some final building tasks to be completed. I can't describe how proud, and indeed content, it makes me to know that we are coming home to Moonee Valley. Our service hub at Essendon is so very close to opening.

From this office, we will be able to offer appointments for goods, pregnancy counselling, homelessness support, family support, playgroups and parenting groups. We have great new spaces for volunteering. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our open house. Please let us know if you haven't received an invitation to the official opening if you wish to come.

Since I last wrote, in Caroline Springs and in Shepparton, we have been studiously working to meet the needs of families during the Christmas and new year period, which is a time of great stress for those without the resources so many of us have. I want to say thank you for your help with donations of goods for families.



With regard to policy developments for pregnant mothers and families with young children, last newsletter I mentioned several reforms underway and the policy development work continues. For Caroline Chisholm Society, our priority is to ensure we are engaged with our municipal early years partnerships so that our knowledge of the local impacts of state and federal policy contributes to their planning.

In the spirit of Caroline Chisholm,

Helen Cooney

Reflecting on the changes  
in Moonee Valley



**Spotlight on... Volunteering!**

Volunteering isn't just something we love, it's who we are. We were started by volunteers and our Board is still voluntary.

Join us in making a difference in the lives of pregnant mothers and families with young children.

Contact us and ask for the volunteer coordinator. They are located in both Melbourne and Shepparton and are dedicated to supporting you with your volunteering.

If you decide to join us, the volunteer coordinator will meet with you to discuss which roles suit you

As a volunteer at Caroline Chisholm Society, you might like to join us as a:

- Sorter of goods
- Volunteer mentor
- Home Handy Helper
- Administrator
- Fundraiser

All volunteers must undergo:

- a working with children check,
- a police records check,
- an interview with a volunteer coordinator,
- have references checked, and
- agree to the Code of Conduct.

Join us at

**Volunteer Information Session**

10.30am

9 March, 2017

977 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon

RSVP: [secretary@caroline.org.au](mailto:secretary@caroline.org.au)



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