



## Mother's Day Appeal

Donate by the end of April to help us fund a Mother's Day Gift for those mums we know who don't have family to help their children say thanks for being their mum.

Donate at any of our offices, by phone or online at:  
<http://caroline.org.au/donations/caroline-chisholm-society/>

## Spotlight on... Keren and Goulburn Valley!



This is Keren.

Keren's supported our partnerships with the Nappy Collective and St Kilda Mums, and is a particular advocate for the use of 'Canvas' which helps with quality and safety of goods we give to families.

Thanks Keren!

See you at our High Tea!

Keren was eager to learn all the tasks required and travelled to our Melbourne office with the lead practitioner quite a few times throughout her service. She gave her time freely, several days per week and used her initiative to make new contacts throughout Victoria within the mother/baby support business.

Keren helped organise many of our events with expertise, supporting the lead practitioner and other volunteers to carry out the required tasks. Keren and husband Nick helped with our

Keren Traianidis was welcomed to Caroline Chisholm Society, Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Support Service in September 2014. This was just prior to our official opening day at the St. Andrews Road premises in October that year.

From that time, Keren's bright and warm personality was an asset to our changing service provision. The strategic plan for sustainability of the program was well underway and funding had commenced from both the Helen McPherson Trust and the Ian Potter Foundation funding application was also in the pipeline. This was for volunteer coordination.

Bunnings BBQs. Over our 43 years in the Goulburn Valley, partners of volunteers have supported us to move, fundraise and in so many ways, have become a part of the "Family".

In the past couple of years, Keren took on the role of Lead Volunteer but remained voluntary in that commitment. Since 2015 our service has grown and certainly is a most sustainable program and Keren has contributed to that growth - we are busy!

Last month, Keren decided to finish up as a volunteer to be with Nick and family on a future journey of retirement. We wish her well and, of course, she will remain a Friend of GVPSS into the future.

Good luck Keren and Nick!



Caroline Chisholm Society, Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Support Service participated with other agencies at the Uniting Church Child and Family Health Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

The aim was to introduce newly arrived CALD families to the health and wellbeing services in the area.

Pictured are Pat Moran, a volunteer, and Fatmatta, Primary Care Connect's migrant worker.

## From the CEO

Thank you so much to those of you who have responded to my last message offering thoughts and ideas for the future at our time of strategic review.

It is increasingly apparent from our discussions that our objectives for the next few years are:

- have more services to meet the needs of expectant and new mums and families (by raising funds),
- ensure our organisation is as effective and accountable, and
- create a learning culture, by becoming a 'community of practice' or integrating our quality and risk systems.

However you wish to describe that last one, what it's about is making sure that Caroline Chisholm Society is clearly focused on the families we support. I look forward to releasing a draft strategic plan for comment. If you'd like to receive that, please email us to let us know.

In the spirit of Caroline Chisholm,

  
Helen Cooney



We want say thanks to Mums so please join us to celebrate Mother's day.

**Mother's Day Party**

**Friday 11 May 2018  
10am -12pm**

**2 Darebin Place, Caroline Springs**

For details  
email: [secretary@caroline.org.au](mailto:secretary@caroline.org.au)  
or  
phone: 03 9361 7000

## High Tea Charity Event

Where: Senior Citizens Centre  
Welsford Street, Shepparton  
(opposite Good Year Tyre Centre)

When: Sunday 20th May, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Cost: \$30.00

Seating limited.  
Registration required by  
Friday May 11th, 2018.

To reserve a seat,  
please call 5821 0826  
or email Maree:  
[mchin@caroline.org.au](mailto:mchin@caroline.org.au)

Entertainment, lucky door  
prize and raffle

All proceeds to:  
Goulburn Valley Pregnancy and Family Support Service



## Join our team!

A year after we opened our new office, we are now settled in and establishing our new team.

Dr Jennifer Weber has joined us as our new Director of Programs. We're seeking a new senior worker who will also help with quality processes and several other new caseworkers and case managers. Tertiary qualifications in social work or similar (e.g. psychology) are required.

In the lead up to Mother's Day, be sure to consider and encourage other to consider applying!

For details go to:  
[www.caroline.org.au/careers](http://www.caroline.org.au/careers)



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