



EMERGENCY RELIEF VICTORIA

Information Update

Emergency Relief Victoria Network one step closer to becoming a peak body

Dear ERV Member,

We are pleased to advise that at the November meeting of the ERV Executive it was resolved to incorporate the Emergency Relief Network as an Association, to be known as Emergency Relief Victoria Incorporated (ERV Inc.)

The resolution was passed by the founding members of ERV Inc. who also approved a Statement of Purposes and Rules which will govern the proposed Association. The founding members are: Anglicare Victoria, The Salvation Army, VicRelief Foodbank and Travellers Aid.

Now that this resolution has been passed, ERV Inc. will be formally registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria; the final step in establishing the Association as a peak body for the emergency relief sector. We anticipate completion of this by December 2008.

The progression of the ERV network into an Association would not have been possible without the sustained effort of a number of people who have believed passionately in the need for an organisation which can effectively advocate on behalf of all providers in the Victorian ER sector. For past and present members of the ERV Executive like Kathy Landvogt, Hilary Bolton, Gavin Dufty, Martin Cowling Garry Lloyd, Charles Gibson and Rivkah Nissim, ERV Inc. is the realisation of years of dedicated effort to establish a peak body for the sector.

But there is much to do in turning a network of providers into an Association which can provide real value and benefits to its members. And while some of the groundwork for this has been done by the current ERV Executive it is envisaged that several months of planning will be needed to ensure that the right structure for ERV Inc. is put in place.

As we progress through the various planning stages, you will be kept informed and involved. And you will be invited to contribute to the planning process. We look forward to your participation.

Yours Sincerely,

ERV Executive
November, 2008