

NOTES ON PRESENTERS:

Connie Benn: was Co-ordinator of the Brotherhood's Family Centre Project from 1972 to 1975 and Director of Social Policy, Research and Innovations from 1977 to 1982. She has 33 years of experience as a caseworker, researcher, policy development worker, teacher and administrator. Her past roles include Head of the School of Social Work at the Phillip Institute of Technology; Deputy Director-General of Community Services Victoria and Professor of Social Work, University of Melbourne. Connie is currently Chairperson of the Adult Community and Further Education Board; President of the North West Hospital Board of Management, a member of the Brotherhood Board and member of the Advisory Committee to the Review of Brotherhood services for older people.

Newton Daddow: is a former secondary school teacher (Donald and Sunshine) and a theologically trained Baptist layman. He has been responsible for developing and maintaining the churches 'Fair Share' program - an education and social action initiative (1984) - with a focus on poverty in Australia. In January 1994 he was responsible for co-ordinating the Victorian leg of the Australian visit of Manfred Max-Neef (the barefoot economist) whose ideas will be explored as part of the presentation.

David Green: is the Assistant Director of the Aged Services Development Branch in the Department of Health and Community Services.

He is responsible for advising the Minister for Aged Care on ageing in Victoria, and the short term and long term issues relevant to older people. He also administers the Victorian Seniors Card and Senior Citizens Week.

David is a social worker by training with close to thirty years experience in a variety of human services. His past roles include General Manager of the Office of Intellectual Disability Services and Director of Community Services at the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Early interests included young people and delinquency, and for ten years he was the Manager of Langi Kal Kal and Turana Youth Training Centres.

David is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Review of Brotherhood services for older people.

Mark Lyons: is currently Associate Professor, School of Management, University of Technology, NSW; Director, Centre of Australian Community Organisations and Management (CACOM); and a member of the boards of Mercy Family Centre, Sydney and Australian Council of Social Service. Mark was ACOSS' Director 1986-89.

Hayden Raysmith: developed the pilot project which led to Australia's first community development project, the Australian Assistance Plan. He joined the Brotherhood as Co-ordinator of the Action Resource Centre between 1974 and 1978. His other roles have included: Executive Director of VCOSS; Director of Youth Affairs for the State Government; and Director of Statewide Operations, Victorian Health Department.

Hayden currently undertakes consultancy work in the areas of public health and organisational change.

Barbara Spalding: has most recently held senior management positions in the Victorian public service. These positions include Director Community Programs and Juvenile Justice; General Manager Family and Children's Services, Department of Health and Community Services; Officer in Charge Social Justice Strategy Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet. Barbara is a former Brotherhood social policy officer, board member and VCOSS Executive Director. She is currently working with a Sydney-based consultancy company, Distaff Associates and is a trustee of the Lance Reichstein Charitable Foundation.

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