

Media Invitation

Andrea Coote MP: guest speaker at Care Connect's Victorian stakeholder event

On **Monday 7 November** at the Langham Melbourne (Southbank) Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services, **Andrea Coote MP** will be the guest speaker at Care Connect's upcoming Victorian stakeholder event.

"These are exciting times for the community sector, with new ideas about human services bursting forth," says **Andrea Coote MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services**. "Fundamental shifts are taking place in the thinking of State and Federal governments and their advisors, and, I'm pleased to say, in progressive, growing organisations like Care Connect."

"Our event on Monday 7 November will speak about the implications of the Productivity Commission's reports into aged care and disability, our organisation's approach to community care including information about our new service model and the importance of innovation and a collaborative approach to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

"The Victorian event along with the NSW and QLD events offer an opportunity for our organisation to speak directly with stakeholders, inform them of the strategic drivers coming across the horizon and call for input and insight from the sector. This is a time of unprecedented change for the sector and we all need to be ready and informed," says **Paul Ostrowski, Chief Executive Officer, Care Connect**.

The Brisbane event on Wednesday 2 November at Customs House launches our LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex) aged care program – an Australian first with both **Paul Martin** (Executive Director, Healthy Communities) and **Noeline Brown** (Ambassador for Ageing, Office for an Ageing Australia) guest speaking.

The Sydney event on Thursday 10 November at the Hilton Sydney has the **Hon. Andrew Constance MP**, NSW Minister for Ageing and Minister for Disability Services guest speaking.

Care Connect is a major community care provider with offices in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. The organisation supports children, young adults, adults, carers and older adults in accessing:

- information services and support
- assessment and planning
- case management and care coordination
- advocacy
- service delivery
- carer support.

Care Connect is a not-for-profit, non denominational, registered charitable organisation and enables people to live independent lives at home and in the community.

Event date/time: **Monday 7 November, 10.00am-12.00pm**
Venue: The Langham Melbourne, 1 Southgate Avenue, Southbank
Media RSVP: Andrea Vincent via email at avincent@careconnect.org.au

**** Note this is an invitation-only event****

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