

## **'HOMELESS SHOULDN'T MEAN VOTELESS'**

A Melbourne District By-Election has been called for 21<sup>st</sup> July, Local Council elections are to be held later in October and a potential Federal election is coming very soon.

Let's make sure the voices of those experiencing homelessness are heard.

### **WHAT CAN WE DO IN JUST FIVE STEPS?**

#### **1. Be informed!**

Keep an eye out for the 'Homeless not Voteless' information kit due to reach your agency in the next two weeks. Inside you will find:

- An information sheet for community agencies
- Easy English guides to voting for people experiencing homelessness.
- Posters
- 'No Fixed Address' enrolment forms

Yours not arrived? Need more resources? Feel free to order more copies if required (contact details below)

#### **2. Speak to your clients about voting.**

Break down the barriers. Help clients to understand both the importance of voting and put their mind at rest that they will not be fined if they are unable to vote.

#### **3. Invite the VEC in to visit your service during a staff meeting.**

We'd be happy to run an information session for workers so that you feel better equipped to help engage clients in the local council elections.

#### **4. Encourage clients to enrol to vote.**

The VEC is already taking bookings for outreach enrolment sessions both for the Melbourne By-Election (see dates and locations below) and for the Local Council elections.

Please get in touch with us if you would like us to visit you. We're happy to travel.

#### **5. Become a designated Mobile Voting Centre.**

Book a date with our team and we'll come to your clients so that they are able to vote in an environment that they feel comfortable in. This is only available if we have also undertaken an enrolment outreach session.

## **JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2012! IT'S A MELBOURNE BY-ELECTION!**

### **Are you based in Melbourne District?**

Help us to spread the word about the upcoming By-Election.

The VEC Community Education Team will be at the following agencies to run enrolment sessions and mobile voting for the Melbourne By-Election.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Enrolment Outreach</b>	<b>Mobile Voting</b>
<b>Flagstaff Crisis Accommodation</b> 12 Tranmere St West Melbourne 3003	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	20 <sup>th</sup> July, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Youth Projects – Living Room</b> 7-9 Hosier Lane	30 <sup>th</sup> May, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Melbourne 3000		
<b>Project 64 Salvation Army</b> 69 Bourke St Melbourne 3000	30 <sup>th</sup> May, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	11 <sup>th</sup> July, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

For more information, bookings and resources please contact:

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