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SVHA LAUNCHES NEW IDENTITY –

A SHARED HERITAGE, A UNITED FUTURE

St Vincent's Health Australia (SVHA) celebrated the launch of its new identity at ceremonies across its facilities in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland in December 2012 and February 2013. These defining events, under the theme *A Shared Heritage, A United Future*, brought together staff, SVHA Board Directors, Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries and other stakeholders and provided an opportunity to focus and reflect upon the unifying mission and values of our health ministry.

At each location the local Chief Executive Officer acted as master of ceremonies, a SVHA Board Director opened the proceedings with a prayer and acknowledgment of the traditional owners of the land, and a Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries recounted the story of how the Sisters of Charity arrived in Australia in 1838, carrying with them the vision of Mary Aikenhead to reach out to all in need of care.



In their address, the Trustees spoke about the Sisters of Charity of Australia crest and its symbolism:

The crown, moon and stars represent Mary as Queen of Heaven and her Assumption as testament to her fidelity and love of God. The cross is a symbol of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Underpinning the crest is the Latin motto: *Caritas Christi Urget Nos*, which translates as *the Love of Christ urges us*. This was the inspiration for Mary Aikenhead's mission. Similarly for all who follow in her footsteps, the love of Christ experienced through faith is the imperative that drives us to serve all those in need of his mercy and compassion.



ST VINCENT'S
HEALTH AUSTRALIA

UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF MARY AIKENHEAD MINISTRIES

At each launch Dr Tracey Batten, SVHA Chief Executive Officer, reflected on the growth and strengthening of the health ministry's mission through the renewal of a shared vision statement, articulating what the mission means to us today and the ways in which it will guide our future.



Denise Bartlett, Eleanor Scott and Emma Secombe from St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane with SVHA Chief Executive Officer Dr Tracey Batten at the St Vincent's Health and Aged Care identity launch

Dr Batten spoke of the key role of SVHA's new common visual identity (top), a logo that unifies the facilities as the health and aged care ministry of Mary Aikenhead Ministries. The logo entrusted to SVHA by the Trustees symbolises the care given to all in our health and aged care ministries.

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The 'M.A.' at the heart of the crest reflects the initials of the Sisters of Charity foundress, Mary Aikenhead. The cross represents hope and the healing ministry of Jesus that remains the hallmark of our care. The heart at the centre of the crest reflects the compassion that we extend to those whom we serve. The flames signify warmth and light and, in breaking free of the crest, speak of new horizons encouraging us to reach out to those most in need in the community.

The colours reflect our heritage: blue is the colour adopted by the Sisters of Charity, signalling their devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Purple is traditionally the colour of divinity, spirituality and knowledge, elements that continue to inform and inspire our efforts today.



Trustees David Robinson and Jim Russell, St Vincent's Health and Aged Care Community Advisory Council (SVHACCAC) member Professor Susan Dann, Trustee Rowena McNally, SVHA Director Gary Humphrys and SVHACCAC member Christine Lohman

SVHA's new identity proclaims its mission and values. May all those who work within in the health ministry be imbued with a clear and passionate sense of the mission and live out the values in their service to others.

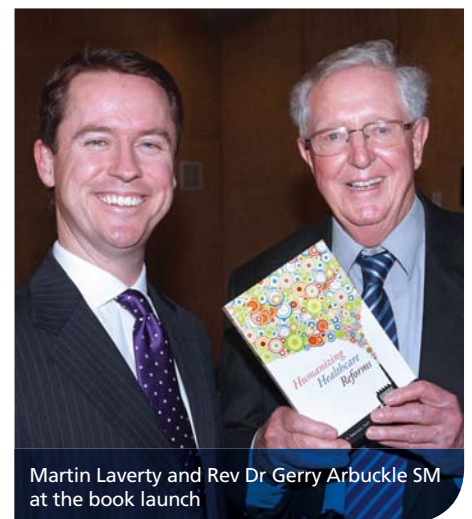
Dr Tessa Ho
Trustee, Mary Aikenhead Ministries

VALUES ARE VITAL

FR GERRY ARBUCKLE'S BOOK ARGUES THE BENEFITS OF A VALUES-BASED APPROACH TO HEALTHCARE

On 13 December 2012, the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries hosted the launch of Rev Dr Gerry Arbuckle's major new work *Humanizing Healthcare Reforms*. The launch took place at St Vincent's Clinic, Darlinghurst, where some 85 guests were welcomed by Robert Cusack, Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent's Private and Mater Hospitals. In introducing the occasion, Trustee Professor Gabrielle McMullen emphasised the importance of Dr Arbuckle's scholarly work on healthcare policy for the development of compassionate and equitable healthcare systems and noted that fellow Trustee, Dr Tessa Ho, had contributed the foreword for *Humanizing Healthcare Reforms*.

Humanizing Healthcare Reforms was then formally launched by Martin Laverty, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Health Australia, who highlighted the relevance and timeliness of the publication. The book looks at the current turmoil facing contemporary healthcare systems worldwide, resulting from relentless imposition of financially-based performance indicators. The author argues that a return to a values-based approach to healthcare will create positive transformation.



Martin Laverty and Rev Dr Gerry Arbuckle SM at the book launch

Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM
Trustee, Mary Aikenhead Ministries

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE

INAUGURATION OF INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STONE

"Sorry" is a small word. Five letters, two syllables. In Australian history the word "Sorry" has never been as significant as on 13 February 2008 – Kevin Rudd's apology to the Indigenous peoples of our country for the "blemished chapter in our nation's history". This year, on 13 February, St Columba's College commemorated this national anniversary of the word "Sorry", with the blessing and inauguration of the College's new Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone.

The inauguration ceremony, which was attended by members of the St Columba's College Indigenous Perspectives Group as well as by local Indigenous Elders and Trustee Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM, was opened outdoors with the traditional *Welcome to Country*. The *Welcome to Country* honoured past and present Aboriginal liberators, unsung Aboriginal heroes, and gave thanks for the gift of the unique Aboriginal culture.

Following this was the land ceremony, where a bowl filled with earth from the site of the Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone was held before those gathered at the College as a symbol of Indigenous peoples' stewardship of the land and of God's creation. College Principal, Ms April Honeyman, blessed and inaugurated the Stone and its plaque with a prayer for "love, generosity of spirit and wisdom" within the community.



The Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone in the grounds of St Columba's College, Essendon

The purpose of the Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone is to honour and acknowledge the land and people of the Kulin Nation, upon which St Columba's College has stood for 116 years, since the Sisters of Charity founded it in 1897.

The Stone serves as a constant reminder of the contribution of the first Australian people to the vibrancy and cultural diversity of our country today. It is a permanent testimony to the school's commitment to justice and acceptance of all people. The inauguration ceremony, as reflected upon by Eva Angsiting (St Columba's Indigenous Perspectives Coordinator), was a manner of "glorifying the culture of our first Australians and honouring the magnitude of their resilience".

It is a social tendency to dismiss the plight of these first Australians as a matter of "ancient history" that bears little significance today, but the fact that a Reconciliation movement still exists means that the issue of achieving unity is still a very real, very tangible aspect of modern life. National unification comes not only from a political apology, but the recognition that the land we call home today, was someone else's home first, a home that someone else had defined and decorated, dreamt in and raised generations in.

At the end of the day, Aboriginal Australians are sharing what was originally their home, with us. Is that not something worth recognising? That is the purpose of the Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone.

Nishka Pinto

Social Justice Captain, St Columba's College

The inscription on the Indigenous Acknowledgement Stone reads:

'The community of St Columba's College is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the original inhabitants of this land.

We recognise and regret the wrongs of the past and commit ourselves to working towards a just future for all people in our land'.

A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS KINGHORN CANCER CENTRE

Trustee Dr Tessa Ho welcomed Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and Patron of the Nelune Foundation, on her visit to the new Nelune Centre in Darlinghurst on 19 December 2012.



The multidisciplinary team offering holistic care at the Nelune Centre with Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC

The Nelune Centre, a Haematology Oncology Ambulatory Care Unit funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the Nelune Foundation, is situated on the ground floor of the Kinghorn Cancer Centre. The \$128 million Kinghorn Cancer Centre, opened in November last year, is a joint venture of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research and St Vincent's and Mater Health Sydney.

The Nelune Centre's approach to personalised medicine places the patient at the centre of all decisions, maximising the rapid translation of research findings to new approaches to cancer diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

As well as offering cancer care for patients from metropolitan Sydney, a major focal point is harnessing tele-health technology to provide remote outreach and diagnostic links with patients in rural or remote areas, continuing the St Vincent's Hospital tradition of outreach services.

Key patient services include multidisciplinary clinics, outpatient chemotherapy services and the Wellness Centre, which will provide complementary therapies such as acupuncture as part of the cancer treatment.

Dr Tessa Ho

Trustee, Mary Aikenhead Ministries

OPERA IN THE MARKET

On 25 February Melbourne's historic Queen Victoria Market was transformed into a theatre with the fruit and vegetable stalls replaced with front stalls as Opera in the Market took centre stage.

Together with the drama and spectacle of operatic arias sung by soloists and a 100-voice choir conducted by Guy Noble, guests enjoyed fine food and wines. Acclaimed trumpeter James Morrison also provided several musical interludes during the evening. Proceeds from this Australian Music Events celebration went to the St Vincent's Hospital home dialysis unit and Opera Scholars Australia.

Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM

Trustee, Mary Aikenhead Ministries



Prof Patricia O'Rourke, Chief Executive Officer, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, speaking at Opera in the Market



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