

## Pro-Life Victoria: Towards a Pro-Life Millennium

### Pretend I'm a Tree and Save Me!

**I**f babies were trees they would have fared better in the recent Federal Elections would be the thinking of most Australian pro lifers.

Given the elevation of flora and fauna to a status above human life in today's society, it was to be expected that we now have five Greens in Federal Parliament, the first Green Member of the House of Representatives and after July next year, a total of ten anti human life Greens. As one young voter, Olivia Tomich - Bossio told Melbourne's *Herald-Sun* (8/9/10) "cruelty to animals and people not looking after their pets" are more important than politics. The fact that it's politicians who enact legislation protecting animals seemed to escape Olivia. And that it's politicians who enact legislation designed to protect human life. In October 2008, by three votes only, Victorian politicians voted away all protection for unborn babies. That's why we need to vote only for candidates who respect human life from the womb to the tomb Olivia!

In the lead up to the elections *Herald-Sun* columnist Jill Singer predicted the night Julia Gillard trumped Tony Abbott at the polls "the women of Australia could well be excited for enjoying the biggest belly laugh of their lives." Polling night's television image of Tony Abbott's entrance to greet his Party's faithful, flanked by four striking women, destroyed forever the propaganda that this man is no friend of women. Women voters proved they could think for themselves. They didn't need the feminist sisterhood to tell them how to vote.

Notwithstanding the election of an unprecedented number of Greens to Federal Parliament, if nothing else, this election has proved that simply being "uneasy" about Australia's high abortion toll, is not an impediment to being Prime Minister. Let's have done with this foolish notion Jill that men like Tony Abbott who believe abortion to be a bad thing, lack consideration for women! The truth is that they consider abortion bad for the baby and bad for the woman. They simply seek to protect women from bad outcomes.

In the long drawn out interim between polling day and the declaration of the polls, I received a tearful phone call from a woman who had just exercised this hallowed "choice". Amidst the sobs, the anguish and remorse, her parting shot was: " And I hope Tony Abbott wins!" Just one woman who was not enjoying a belly laugh, Jill!

Amongst some of the more bizarre features of the election campaign was Prime Minister Julia Gillard's proposed Citizens Assembly which conjured up images



of Citizen Robespierre and his Committee of Public Safety which went on to France's Reign of Terror associated with the guillotine. Not so far fetched given that one of the policies the Prime Minister espouses has resulted in Victoria having the most permissive abortion law in the world. Victoria's pitiless 2008 Abortion Act has resulted in a 600% rise in late term abortions, 54 babies left to die, doctors and nurses traumatized by their involvement and Down syndrome babies increasingly targeted in search and destroy missions. When Australia allows 100,000 of its unborn babies to be killed by abortion every year, a Citizens Assembly on "Climate Change" is evidence of how high we have elevated flora, fauna and the planet. And how low we have degraded human life. All in the name of "choice" Julia? Oh Liberty, what crimes have been committed in your name!

The Federal and now the State elections may have been disappointing and very daunting for pro lifers but at least they give us a platform from which we can argue for the right to life of our unborn brothers and sisters. They present so many opportunities. Let's not squander them!

Editor



## Editorial

**S**omething is rotten in the State of Victoria. The same day Greens MP Greg Barber announced his Party's new policy to ban zoo imports saying he "felt for Melbourne Zoo's Thai elephants standing in the cold every time he went past their enclosures", The Greens voted against a Motion moved by the Democratic Labor Party's MLC, Peter Kavanagh, to have a Parliamentary

Committee investigate the deaths of 54 babies born alive following late term abortions. Not a shred of pity did Mr Barber have for the 54 babies left to die in the cold in hospital sluice rooms. This is a wake up call for Victorians facing a State election.

We have fanatics in Parliament committed to humanising flora and fauna and degrading human life. We have Labor MP's distressed at being

ordered to vote against this investigation to avoid a backlash against the Brumby Government's infamous 2008 Abortion Bill legalising abortion up to birth. If Premier Brumby was proud of this legislation there would be nothing to fear from this Motion.

*Denise M Cameron*  
Editor

## Engaging the "Public Square".....

**T**he renowned American Lutheran pastor and latterly Catholic priest, the late Father Richard Neuhaus, who in 1981 founded The Institute on Religion and Democracy and was one of the giants in the American pro life movement, authored a widely read book titled *The Naked Public Square*. This expression is increasingly resonating with me. We in the Australian pro life movement must learn and commit ourselves to engaging "The Public Square" more that we have to date. I think of this when listening to Melbourne's new radio station Melbourne Talk Radio, *MTR*.

You will find it at 1377 on AM radio, towards the right hand end of the dial or "halfway between 104 and 108"! Compared to radio *3AW* which boasts 300,000 listeners at any one time, only 1% of the Victorian population listens to *MTR*. It is however recommended to you as a far less hostile, intimidating medium than *3AW*... or Jon Faine's *774 Radio* program. Callers are welcome and the dialogue respectful. A good teething ground for pro life advocates! And we could lift their ratings!

**Phone 13 18 73 and give it a try!**

## Vale Theck....

### **Theckla Jongebloed - 14 September 1923 to 13 March 2010**

We have received the sad news of the passing earlier this year of one of Pro Life Victoria's most reliable loyal and valuable volunteers Theckla Jongebloed. Theck came to us after a distinguished secretarial career following training at Stott's Business College in Melbourne and worked every Monday for us on data entry and general office administration. I always said Theck could have been PA to the boss of BP such was her diligence, abilities, discretion and loyalty. Such was the affection all had for, all the other volunteers wanted to come the same day as Theck! "You will have to stop all these young men from falling in love with you, Theck ", I used chide her. What I personally appreciated most about Theck was that she always knew what the pro life movement was about and did her utmost to cooperate with all that needed doing, asking for nothing in return. As well the rest of her life was an example to all. As the eulogy at her Requiem

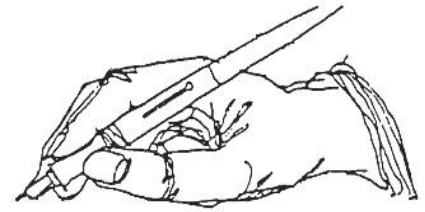
Mass revealed, hers was a life immersed in the ideals of family life. After her father died, she continued to look after her mother. This was for many years her labour of love, at the same time being always there for the wider family.

Outside of her work for Pro Life Victoria, she was always on the move caring for family members, from her siblings to multiple nieces and nephews, right down to the "greats". She had a great love for her brother Father Max Jongebloed, supporting and caring for him through many health vissitudes. Sadly Father Max died shortly after Theck, I suspect from a broken heart after losing her.

We lost Theck when she moved from Melbourne to Bendigo and eventually to be with her niece in Narrandera New South Wales. Pro Life Victoria owes much to Theckla Jongebloed's generous work. We have never stopped missing her.

Editor ... Denise Cameron

**Over  
To  
You!**



***The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword***

**With the Victoria State Election fast advancing  
there is much to be done to see pro life candidates elected  
and anti life candidates defeated.**

1. Advertising the "life credentials" of candidates in local newspapers is a priority. But this is always costly. One enterprising pro life activist has offered to hold two Garage Sales and appeals to pro lifers to take the opportunity to clean out their cupboards of excess bric a brac, china, records, books, antiques, etc. To contribute to the Sale. Details and contact for the garage sales are as follows:  
**When:**  
Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November 2010  
**Where:**  
340 Barkers Road Hawthorn  
**Contact:**  
Patricia Joseph on 98185365
2. Be available to hand out How-to-Vote-Cards at Polling Booths on Saturday November 27... and consider volunteering your services to ProLife Victoria to make phone calls to our members rallying them to the Polling Booths.
3. Keep up your letters-to-the editor in your local as well as major newspapers.
4. The closing date for nominations in the coming elections is November 14. BE SURE to make personal contact with your main candidates...by phone, letter, email or personal visit to tell them **YOU ONLY VOTE FOR PRO LIFE CANDIDATES** and asking them their position on the life issues.
5. Be at the **March for the Babies Saturday 9 October 2010 @ 2.00p.m. , BY THE BUS LOAD**, Starting in the Treasury Gardens, Corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade. Consider organizing a bus from your electorate .. State or Federal ... or Parish ... and travel in solidarity with other pro lifers. Until pro lifers come by the bus load, the numbers attending our pro life Marches will stay around the 2-3,000 mark.
6. Contact us on **0404 736 490** if you wish to contribute financially to the production of our YouTube exposing the 2008 Abortion Legislation for the coming election.

**Remember, we only have a state election every four years and it is now or never we let the Victorian parliament know we are determined the pitiless abortion for legislation of October 2008 for which it is responsible is repealed.**

## **Advance Notice of Pro Life Victoria's 2010 Annual General Meeting**

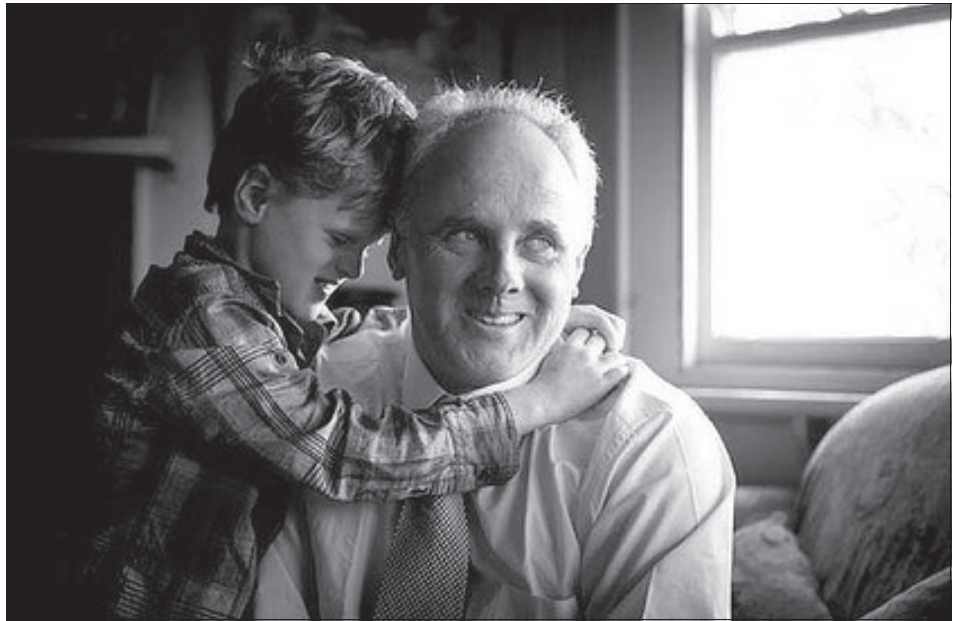
**It is envisaged Pro Life Victoria (Inc) will hold its AGM this year after the State elections  
.... on Friday Evening 3 December 2010 @ 7.30 p.m. 45 Nicholson Street East Brunswick.**

***Further details will be given closer to the date.***

## A Popular Win

**A** popular "win" with pro lifers in the Federal Elections was the election of the pro life Democratic Labor Party's 44 year old John Madigan the first DLP Senator since the double dissolution election of 1974. John is fast becoming known as "The Ballarat Blacksmith" exuding "a breath of fresh air". Well done John and your pro life activist supporters! Unborn children will have a staunch, loyal friend in Federal Parliament. John's election was unfortunately tinged with some regret because it was at the expense of two other pro life Senators, being a three way contest between John and Senators Julian McGauran and Steve Fielding who will now only be in Parliament until July next year.

The Australian pro life movement owes a debt of gratitude to Julian McGauran and Steve Fielding for their efforts in Parliament in defense of human life. Senator McGauran for his campaigning and vote against euthanasia, RU86, cloning, embryo experimentation and unforgettably,



**Ballarat blacksmith John Madigan and son, Jack. Madigan looks set to be elected to the Senate. Photo: Meredith O'Shea - The Age 12 September 2010.**

his courageous pursuit of those responsible at Melbourne's Royal Women's Hospital for the abortion death of Baby Jessica suspected only, of dwarfism. Senator Fielding for all his votes for life and the passion he displayed exposing the unedifying celebratory action of the Gang of Four responsible for the

passage of the legislation allowing for the importation of the human pesticide RU486. You will not be forgotten and we hope you will continue your advocacy out of Parliament ( if not in Parliament again!) for the most defenceless of our fellow human beings!



## Has assisted suicide made the founder of Dignitas a millionaire?

*by Michael Cook from The London Telegraph 24 June 2010*

**A**n investigation by the Swiss newspaper *Beobachter* has suggested that the assisted suicide business has made the head of Dignitas, Ludwig Minelli, a millionaire. Assisted suicide is lawful in Switzerland, but those assisting may not "selfishly" profit from the death. The *Beobachter* points out that Minelli declared that he had no taxable personal fortune in 1998, when he established Dignitas. Ten years later, he has an annual income of about US\$150,000 and a personal fortune of \$1.8 million. How did he become so wealthy, asks *Beobachter*.

Andreas Brunner, a Swiss prosecutor, claims that Minelli

is hiding behind Swiss privacy laws. "We have never had a good look at their book-keeping but in order to demand that we need a good reason and a concrete example that there is something suspicious to investigate," he said. "He has promised for years to make the accounts public but it has never happened."

Soraya Wernli, a nurse who worked for Dignitas between 2003 and 2005, has accused it of being a "production line of death concerned only with profits". Minelli acknowledges that selfishly assisting a suicide is illegal, but that profiting from it is not, so long as "you are helping and abetting without selfish motives".



# A Hat Trick for South Eastern Metropolitan Region ?

**I**f the Democratic Labor Party's candidate defeats the ALP's Gavin Jennings who voted in 2008 for the legalisation of abortion South Eastern Metro Region will have solid pro life representation on State Parliament. Geraldine Gonsalvez is a migrant Indian person from Bangalore. A mother of seven children, she lives in the south eastern suburb of Dandenong.

Geraldine has been active in political and community causes for a number of years, having been elected to the Dandenong City Council. In 2006, she ran for the South Eastern Metropolitan Region in the Victorian state election, as an independent. She is engaged in community teaching and has a number of qualifications in education from Australian Catholic University.

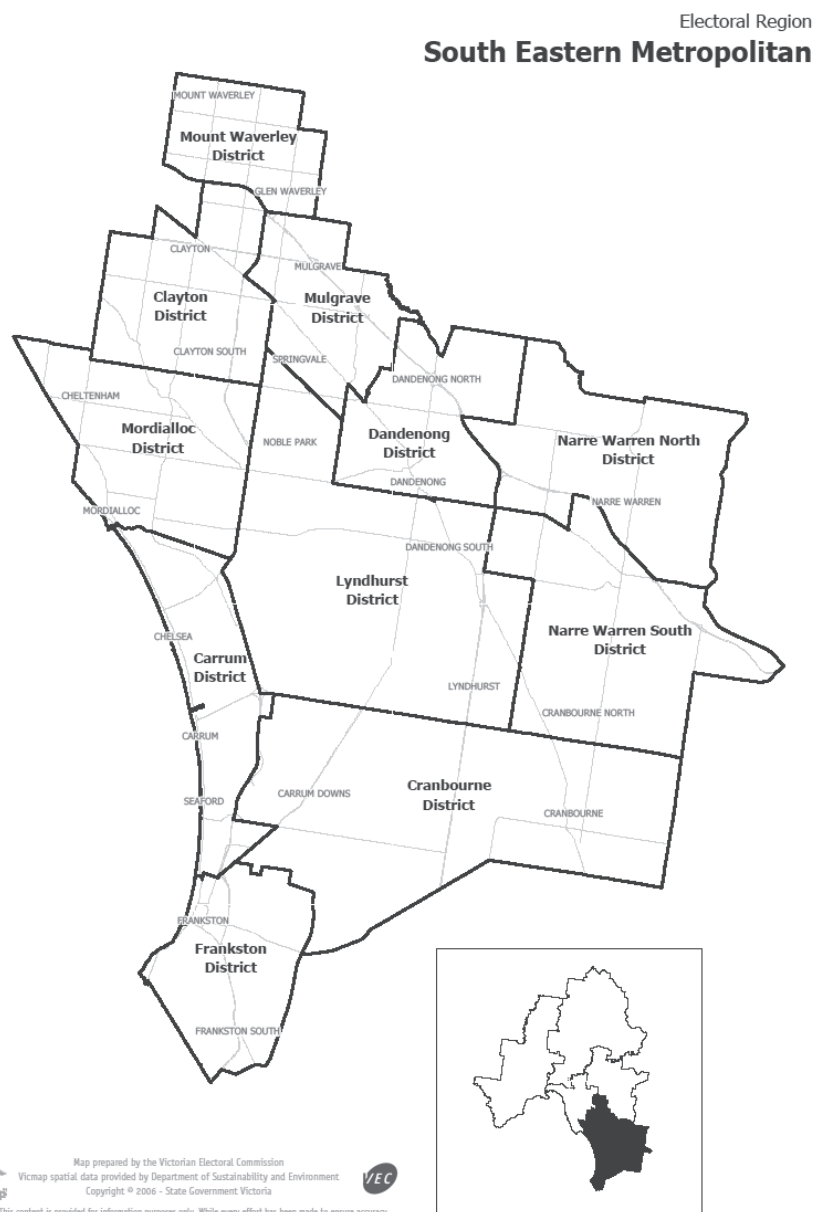
In 2010, Geraldine was preselected to be second on the Federal Senate ticket for the Democratic Labor Party, which resulted in the successful candidacy of Mr John Madigan, who was placed in the first position. Word on the street is that she has been coveted by the Greens (because of her interest in conservation issues), Family First, and the ALP, as well.

Now having been also preselected for the South Eastern Metropolitan Region in the upcoming Victorian state election, she pledges, "As a DLP Upper House candidate, I believe that respect is the keystone of all policy and legislation. I will advance the interests of families, workers and life. I stand in defence of truth, life, democracy, decency, dignity and justice".



Geraldine Gonsalvez is a migrant Indian person from Bangalore. Geraldine was preselected for the Democratic Labor Party as a Senator for the recent Federal Election.

If you live in any of the areas marked on the map below, could you help hand out how to vote cards for Geraldine? Phone 0404 736 490.



# Protest Against Victorian Abortion Provider Jo Wainer's Queens Birthday Award

**L**isted amongst the many selfless voluntary community workers and leaders in the June Queen's Birthday Honours was long term pro abortion activist and abortion provider Jo Wainer. This was a cynical attack on the sanctity of human life ethic. It is a deep insult to those of Her Majesty's subjects who adhere to and have devoted their lives to the preservation of this ethic. And it demeans the dedication and achievements of the worthier recipients.

It is unlikely Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II would know the background of the 400 odd Australians upon whom she was bestowing her honours. But some pro lifers have made her aware of the insult and mischief making of those advising her. The honour was bestowed for "Service to the community as an academic and researcher in the area of reproductive health rights and through leadership roles promoting women in medicine .in particular rural areas." She was described as an "Abortion law reform campaigner since 1969, member of the team which secured repeal of the Victorian abortion laws in 2008"

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a Constitutional Monarch and as such is above politics. Victoria's abortion law was highly political and very divisive. The Monarch is supposed to unite, not divide her subjects.

She has been badly advised by her Australian representatives, undoubtedly Australia's Governor - General Quentin Bryce, who herself has a past history of pro abortion activism, the former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd who voted for the importation of the abortifacient drug RU486 and John Brumby whose Government passed the worst abortion law in the Western world.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

24th August, 2010

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Coventry,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 5th July, and to say that Her Majesty has taken careful note of the views you express regarding the honour recently bestowed upon Dr. Jo Wainer.

Perhaps I might explain, however, that this is not a matter in which The Queen would intervene. As a constitutional Sovereign, Her Majesty acts through her personal representative, the Governor-General, on the advice of her Australian Ministers and it is to them that your appeal should be directed.

I have, therefore been instructed to forward your letter to the Governor-General of Australia, so that she may be aware of your approach to The Queen and may consider the points you raise.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Sonia Bonici  
Senior Correspondence Officer

Mr. And Mrs. Peter Coventry.

**Past President of Pro Life Victoria Peter Coventry received the following response to his letter of protest. Copies of letters written to Her Majesty should be forwarded to the Governor General and Prime Minister.**

## Put Life into your Will!

**When writing or updating your Will in the future, give thought to saving a life and put aside something for Pro-Life Victoria. Just inform your solicitor or include a section in your Will.**

## Volunteer and Help ProLife Victoria

**Wanted urgently, a pro life volunteer for data entry on a regular basis - membership renewals, receipting, changes of addresses, etc. - contact the President 0404 736 490.**

# Keeping the Message Alive!

The Warrnambool newspaper, *The Standard* recently published the following two letters-to-the editor from two local inveterate pro life advocates ....

## Debate Challenge

Last Saturday *The Standard* kindly printed a letter from me, a letter in which I defended the rights of the unborn and for which I have received a lot of support. Today I received in the mail a rather angry discourse attacking my views and those of Peter Kavanagh, MP, on abortion. I don't describe it as a letter as it had no address and was not signed.

As my letter contained undisputed facts, I would happily debate this subject with the person who contacted me but as he/she has not the courage to sign the note, I am of the opinion the he/she is not very confident of their argument in favour of abortion but has simply quoted current issues being discussed by our politicians in the lead up to the elections, e.g: lack of housing, hospital beds, migration and schools as a reason for legalising abortion

Thomas Jefferson, the author of the American Declaration of Independence, defined the first responsibility of government to be the protection of human life. Given Peter Kavanagh is a legislator, he was simply fulfilling this responsibility when he voted against the legalisation of abortion in Victoria in 2008 while the Brumby Labor Government failed this first test.

While anonymous letters are hardly deserving of a reply, I happily admit to being one who respects innocent human life.

*Sheena Clancey*  
Gladstone Street  
Warrnambool

## Save the Babies

Clancy of the Overflow was a brave and fictitious character of Banjo Patterson's writings who gave us pleasure at reading of his exploits. His namesake Sheena Clancey, in her letter of August 21, is deserving of similar applause regarding her continuing stand against the blight of abortion that is attacking our society.

Never in the history of mankind has there been such an unfettered attack on someone so vulnerable as the unborn child and the lack of help available for the mothers and their babies still goes on unabated. Every year we kill the equivalent of all the people seated at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on grand final day (please read this fact again and ask yourself isn't something very wrong in our society) Why do we not help? What are we as individuals doing to stop this great loss of human lives?

Fifty years ago people who opposed abortions were told to wake up - it is not a baby- it's only in jelly form. They had cute names like "embryo" etc. Time moves on and although the baby is alive and kicking the law allows for its destruction now even though the baby would live if allowed to do so in normal circumstances.

Half of the pro abortionists, if asked to pull a hen's neck or wring a rabbit's neck, couldn't bring themselves to kill a bird or an animal. However, they agree that it's OK for them to support a 'doctor' to terminate the life of an unborn child.

What would be the attitude if the next baby to be aborted had within his or her brain the brilliance in an adult life to provide a cure for cancer, if only this baby had been allowed to live?

Like Christ said on the Cross: "Forgive them for they know not what they do." Please wake up Australia.

*Frank McCarthy*  
Fenton Street  
Warrnambool.

**As the Victorian State Election approaches we need letters like these in other local papers, reminding local candidates we expect our legislators to protect human life.**



## World View

**C**ROATIA - Zagreb - The number of abortions in Croatia continues to fall as it has for the last nine years and abortions no longer outnumber births of children as they once did. The Croatian Department of Public Health statistics show there were 10,417 abortions last year, although the figure also includes the number

of miscarriages.

The government of the eastern European nation says 4,450 abortions were done at the request of women while the rest are a combination of abortions done supposedly for medical reasons and miscarriages.

*The Croatia Times* says the abortion rate has fallen to the point that it

is now lower than some of its European neighbours.

The newspaper says the rate is now 101.4 abortions for every 1,000 live births in Croatia, lower than the 215.4 in the Czech Republic, 167.7 in Germany, 444.6 in Hungary, and 227.3 in Slovenia.

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# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

**T**HIS SPRING, from September 22 - October 31, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history:

The 40 Days of Life campaign. Recognizing that “with God all things are possible”, people of faith are praying that this effort will help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has already mobilized over 350,000 people worldwide, saved more than 2,800 lives from abortion, led to the conversion of 38 abortion workers, and seen five abortion facilities close. 40 days for life is made up of three components:

- **Prayer and fasting:** believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
- **Peaceful Vigil:** stand for life during a 40 day peaceful public awareness outside the Fertility Control Clinic, 118 Wellington Pde., East Melbourne.
- **Community Outreach:** help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility.

Learn how you can speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves here in Melbourne by contacting *Trudi* on 9439 4131, [tarashi@bigpond.com](mailto:tarashi@bigpond.com) or *Fons* on 5194 2340, [fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au](mailto:fonsforlife@skymesh.com.au) or by visiting:

**[www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne)**

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