



# RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

## Parents Victoria Conference

23rd - 24th October

Pullman Melbourne on the Park

# PV2017

### Topics and discussions include:

*What's needed to improve Parent  
Engagement in our Schools*

*Dispute resolution - everything you always  
wanted to know but were afraid to ask!*

*Schools and families working together  
– how to successfully navigate relationships.  
An interactive panel discussion*

*Respectful Relationships & Parent Engagement*

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### Testimonials from 2016 conference

- *It's been a fascinating couple of days. Program more than met my expectations. On the pulse speakers from varied experiences opened up many possibilities for enhancing experience of school for students. A lot of change needs dedicated work and good leadership. PV has that.*
- *Very diverse range of speakers again and all interesting! Once again, PV has their finger on the pulse in regards to the current hot topics. Bravo!*
- *My first Parents Victoria conference and I will definitely come again. The lengths of presentations were good and all were interesting and relevant. Greatly enjoyed hearing Peter Hutton speak and getting experienced views from the parent club/parent ambassador speakers.*

# PROGRAM MATTERS

Parents Victoria  
2017 Conference

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## Day 1 Monday 23rd October

9.00 Registration and Morning tea

9.30 Conference Opening - Minister for Education - James Merlino

10.00 **Keynote Speaker** – Mark McKeon – Knowing Yourself, Knowing Others

11.30 **Doctors in Secondary Schools** – Claire Tobin - DET

12.00 **Our Journey Continues** – Parent Ambassadors – Broadmeadows Valley PS.

12.15 Lunch

1.15 **“Schools and families working together – how to successfully navigate relationships”**

Mary Louise Hatch, Frank Handy, Tony Fell and Natasha Belmont

*An interactive panel discussion focusing on the current Dispute Resolution landscape in Education as well as some tips, skills and strategies for having difficult conversations*

2.45 Afternoon tea

3.00 **Respectful Relationships** - Respectful Relationships Team - DET

3.30 **Sex is not a dirty word** - Eileen Berry

4.00 Parent Club Operations including changes you need to know about

5.00 Close Day 1

**6.30 for 7.00 Conference Dinner**

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## Day 2 Tuesday 24th October

9.00 Registration and Morning tea

9.30 **Keynote speaker** - John Hendry - Trust, Forgiveness, Integrity, Hope and Compassion enables us to live with dignity in relationships

11.00 **Narragunnawali:** Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning - Alex Shain and Esma Livermore

12.00 AGM and Presentation of Joan Kirner Award

12.30 Lunch (Life Members Lunch)

1.30 **Tech Schools** – Dan O’Brien - DET

2.00 **Ontario’s Approach to improving Parent Engagement.** - Dr Mary Jean Gallagher

2.45 Afternoon tea

3.00 **Discussion** – What’s needed to improve Parent Engagement in our Schools.

3.55 Conference Wind up

**4.00 Close Day 2**

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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**Conference Venue** – Pullman Melbourne on the Park. 192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

**Limited parking** at a discounted self-park rate of \$30.00 per vehicle, per day is available at the venue.

Alternative parking includes - Wilson Parking 34-69 Lt Collins St. Earlybird parking (before 10am) - \$16 – Conditions apply.

**Train** – Directly opposite Jolimont Station

**Tram** – Take Route 75 tram from Flinders St. Get off at stop 11.

## REGISTRATION MATTERS

	PV Members	First 2 delegates	Subsequent Members	Non-Members
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1 23rd October	\$0 - free	\$50	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 2 24th October	\$0 - free	\$50	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1 & 2	\$0 - free	\$100	\$260
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dinner – 23rd October	\$0 - free	\$70	\$135

## TAX INVOICE Parents Victoria Inc. ABN 22 989 261 435 Please copy for your own records)

Name Dr, Mr, Mrs, Ms

School/Organisation (if applicable)

Address

P/C

Telephone (business hours)

Email

**Accommodation** – a special rate of \$205 (\$230 including breakfast for one) is available at the Pullman for delegates subject to availability.

For details contact the Pullman on 9419 2000 and quote booking code # 100707

Please advise any special dietary requirements.

**Payment** can be made by cheque payable to Parents Victoria Inc. and sent to Parents Victoria, PO Box 25, Wandong, 3758

or by EFT Account Name: Parents Victoria Inc BSB: 06 3002 A/C No. 00910511 Include your Name as reference

Registrations and payment should reach the Parents Victoria office by Friday 13th October.

For registrations after this date please contact the office.

**Cancellations and refunds:** Please note no refunds can be made after the 13th October however substitute participants are welcome.

Note – Parents Victoria is heavily subsidising this conference for our members. Numbers are limited so early registration is recommended.

Non-member schools wishing to attend should consider membership. Benefits include information and assistance for parents & parent clubs as well as greatly subsidised rates for conference. For details [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au) or email [office@parentsvictoria.asn.au](mailto:office@parentsvictoria.asn.au)

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# SPEAKERS MATTER

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**Mark McKeon**

Mark specializes in Sustainable Peak Performance, Resilience and Workplace Wellbeing. He is the designer of the innovative 'Every Day Counts' and 'Go Zone' programs.

Mark's background includes 18 years in the AFL first as a Player, then as a High Performance Coach, including 5 years with the Victorian State of Origin Team. Mark is a member of the Collingwood Hall of Fame. He is also the Author of 4 books, with numerous international reprints or translations and one of few Australians with the honour of speaking at the UK XTC.



**John Hendry**

John Hendry OAM (education and cricket) has spent a lifetime working in education – primarily at Geelong Grammar School where he has made a significant and lasting impact on the culture of the School and has lead the development of GGS's highly regarded Relationship Management model. John contends that institutional culture determines wellbeing and the capacity for each student and teacher to thrive. Wellbeing is fundamentally determined by the capacity to forgive. The focus on kindness and forgiveness provides the way to manage mistakes, resolve conflicts and repair relationships, thereby enhancing wellbeing.

John is now a senior consultant with the Institute of Positive Education based at GGS and is currently working with schools across Australia as well as China and Singapore. He has presented at many conferences including the UNESCO conference on Bullying and School Violence, and the European Commission for Independent Schools on Student and Teacher Wellbeing. He has worked with various elite sporting clubs and the AIS on establishing cultures that enhance athlete health and wellbeing and team performance.

Currently he is a consultant with Resilient Youth Australia. He is working with Andrew Fuller and has developed a Relationship Quotient (RQ) and a model of a resilient mindset. Resilient mindsets can be developed in individuals, in families, in sporting clubs, in schools and business organisations. This work is being done across various communities.



**Mary Jean Gallagher**

Mary Jean Gallagher was the Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Student Achievement Officer at the Ministry of Education of Ontario Canada from 2008 to 2015. Through this role she led the delivery of the government's student achievement agenda, including elementary and secondary student success, leveraging her passion for student learning and student achievement.

She has served as the head of the Ontario Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat at the Ministry of Education of Ontario. Prior to this role she was the Director of the Greater Essex County District School Board.

She has had a 35-year career as an educator with roles as a teacher, principal and system leader. Gallagher became board director in 1995, following a career as a math and computer science teacher, principal and superintendent of staffing and development. From 1997-2000 she was seconded by the province as chief executive officer of the Ontario Education Improvement Commission. She has also chaired the Council of Ontario Directors of Education.