INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2014

Melbourne Australia

Over 100 Good Shepherd sisters, staff, volunteers, invited guests and friends gathered in St Michael’s Garden on 13 March to celebrate International Women’s Day. The garden is in the grounds of the Good Shepherd Chapel, built in 1871 in the early days of the Australian foundation.

There was beautiful live music from female singers, a prayer tree with Hands of Hope prayer flags, International Women’s Day ribbons handmade by Sisters, a traditional Aussie barbecue meal, and a Trading Circle pop up stall.
A highlight of the event was hearing female speakers representing each decade (girls and women aged from 10 to 90+ years) exploring what the theme Inspiring Change means for women of all generations.

Speakers from across the Good Shepherd network spoke about Good Shepherd work changing and influencing policies to disrupt the intergenerational cycle of disadvantage for women. The impact of making social connections with other women was named as bringing about positive changes for women.
Entry was by donation and all proceeds will go to the Good Shepherd Hands of Hope project in Nongkhai, Thailand.