



CAMPAIGNS PROGRAM - 2002 to 2026



Education
for all



Supporting kinship
carers



Reunifying children
and parents



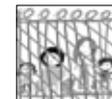
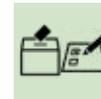
Abolishing adoption
from child protection



Promoting carers'
and children's rights



Reinstating Vic Childrens,
Youth & Families Act





GPV/KCV acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of our great land and offers respect to Elders, past and present.

GPV/KCV acknowledges that Aboriginal culture existed in Australia before European settlement and consisted of many community groups. Further, we acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of this land as the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

GPV/KCV acknowledges that laws and policies of the past have inflicted grief and suffering on our fellow Australians and regrets the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

GPV/KCV believes that a society that is inclusive of all is crucial to individual and community wellbeing and will behave with respect towards all irrespective of their race, religion, sexuality, gender or socio-economic background.

GPV/KCV acknowledges 13th of February as National Apology Day, the anniversary of then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, delivering the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in 2008.

GPV/KCV will take steps that promote a happier and healthier future for Indigenous Australians, particularly the children and young people.

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ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAM

In every year since 2002, GPV has conducted campaigns, despite the anticipation of slow, or even no, progress. However, the nexus between the campaign issues and the life chances of children is so tight, GPV is compelled to battle on.

GPV's first campaigns addressed issues: education, childcare, and the grief of grandparents denied access to grandchildren.

Over the years many new campaigns have been taken up. Some campaigns are ongoing. Take, for example, calling for early support for vulnerable families, the reunification of children with parents, and banning adoption as an option within child protection measures are all continuing.

Campaigns are designed to raise public awareness and influence individual action, as well as to influence government/agency policy and practices. To meet these lofty aims, GPV has employed a range of strategies designed to ensure the message is heard by the people who need to hear it. Most campaigns have been started with a letter to relevant decision-makers, and some have involved following up with other strategies as well. Some campaigns relied on multiple strategies being in play at the same time. Strategies employed are listed below.

Some campaigns have advocated for changes to legislation to strengthen child and family rights, while some have called for families to be better assisted through the introduction or improvement of support programs.

Several campaigns were conducted in partnership with other organisations. Often GPV played an initial role in setting the scope of a campaign and worked in partnership with other organisations. Alternatively, GPV took independent action which echoed the sentiments of another organisation's campaign. The campaigns conducted with other organisations were most effective and comforting for GPV when issues were controversial.

The campaign program has had wide geographical relevance. Campaigns have encompassed matters of national importance and addressed issues best dealt with at a state level. Increasingly, the campaigns have centred on matters of international significance.

The GPV campaign program relies on donations. The membership fees of Life Members of GPV were critical in setting up the program in the early 2000s.

If you would like to become a member of GPV or donate to our campaign work use the QR code on the following page to link to our website.

In the meantime, read through the list of our campaigns and let us know which ones you think most relevant to 21st-century family wellbeing.

Regards,

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Director

DONATE TO GPV/KCV CAMPAIGNS

The GPV/KCV campaigns program relies on donations from members and friends of the organisation. All donations, no matter how small, make a big difference to the amount of work GPV/KCV is able to undertake on behalf of families.

The form on the GPV website is offered as a covenant way for people to support our work. Do consider making a donation and be assured that in doing so you are supporting long term on going work to support families.

All donations will be acknowledged on the GPV/KCV websites

To access the form, either click on this link here:

<https://grandparents.com.au/donate-to-gpv-campaigns-program/>

or scan the QR code below.



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REUNIFYING PARENTS AND CHILDREN

This campaign is designed to encourage reunification of children in OOHC with their parents, and to ensure that there are extensive programs to support families throughout this process.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2021.



IMPLEMENTING EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



This campaign is designed to ensure the implementation of programs that support families showing early signs of risk of breakdown.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2021.



REGULATING TO KEEP FAMILIES SAFE FROM ALCOHOL HARM

This campaign was designed to ensure measures that govern access to alcohol are enacted.

This was commenced in 2021, but is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT REFERENDUM



This campaign was designed to support the 'yes' vote in the referendum on including a Voice to Parliament clause in the Australian Constitution.

This was commenced in 2021, but is no longer an active campaign.



RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE FOR CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

This campaign is designed to ensure that laws in Australia prevent children under 14 years of age being charged and punished as adult criminals.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2021.



SUPPORTING THE ABC



This campaign was designed to ensure that the ABC remains in public ownership and is well funded.

This was commenced in 2020, but is no longer an active campaign.



FUNDING THE COURT NETWORK

This campaign was designed to ensure that the Childrens Court is funded for a minimum of four years at a time, with its funding including both substantial base recurrent funding as well as fixed funding for special projects.

This was commenced in 2020, but is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING INCOME SUPPORT FOR JOB SEEKERS



This campaign was designed to ensure increased levels of support for those receiving job seeker payments.

This was commenced in 2020, but is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING CASUAL WORKERS

This campaign was designed to highlight the real possibility of casual workers paying a very significant price for abiding by the rules of COVID lockdown

This was commenced in 2019, but is no longer an active campaign.



ABOLISHING GENITAL MUTILATION



This campaign is designed to ensure the abolition of female genital mutilation across Australia.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2018.



ABOLISHING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

This campaign is designed to ensure that the Australian Government makes corporal punishment of children and young people illegal across Australia.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2018.



SUPPORTING FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS FOR FAMILIES



This campaign was designed to raise awareness of the need for businesses to work together with their employees to provide flexible working options that balance the need to work with caring responsibilities.

This was commenced in 2018, but is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

This campaign was designed to support those who were campaigning for marriage equality, by encouraging people to vote 'yes' in the Australian Government's postal plebiscite.

This was commenced in 2017 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING YOUNG ADULTS IN OOHHC TO AGE 21



This campaign was designed to support the Anglicare campaign to extend the age of leaving care to 21 years of age.

This was commenced in 2016 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



ABOLISHING ADOPTION IN CHILD PROTECTION

This campaign is designed to ensure that adoption is not allowed as an option with child protection procedures and is better regulated to protect all parties' rights.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2015.



CREATING A WORLD ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



This campaign was designed to encourage the United Nations to establish a world environment agency with a substantial budget, powers and expert membership.

This was commenced in 2015, but is no longer an active campaign.



RESISTING THE VICTORIAN CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ACT

This campaign is designed to ensure that the Act is changed to remove clauses unfavourable to children brought into force in 2016.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2014.



REMOVING ALL CHILDREN FROM DETENTION CENTRES



This campaign was designed to ensure that children are removed from refugee camps and are better supported in community settings in Australia.

This was commenced in 2014 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



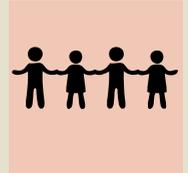
PREVENTING THE TUNNEL THROUGH ROYAL PARK

This campaign was designed to prevent the construction of a tunnel through Royal Park.

This was commenced in 2013 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING LETTING CHILDREN PLAY OUTSIDE MORE



This campaign was designed to encourage higher levels of child centre risk-taking play amongst children.

This was commenced in 2013, but is no longer an active campaign.



PROVIDING FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

This campaign is designed to promote better provision of mental health services through improved service integration across the mental health field and greater emphasis on early detection and prevention.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2012.

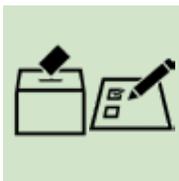


SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN'S COURT



This campaign was designed to protect the integrity of the children's court.

This was commenced in 2012, but is no longer an active campaign.



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

This campaign is designed to represent the needs of families in times of government elections.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2010.



PROVIDING QUALITY AGED CARE



This campaign was designed to ensure that the cost of quality aged care makes it accessible and safe for all.

This was commenced in 2010, but is no longer an active campaign.



IMPROVING FAMILY-RELATED DATA COLLECTION IN AUSTRALIA

This campaign is designed to ensure that more data collection in relation to a wide range of family matters is collected and co-ordinated at a national level, particularly through the Census.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2005.



IMPROVING EDUCATION FOR ALL



This campaign is designed to ensure improvements in provision of education services to all children and young people.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2004.



SUPPORTING KINSHIP CARERS

This campaign is designed to amplify the voices of kinship care families and improve the visibility of kinship carers.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2004.



PROMOTING CARERS' AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



This campaign is designed to promote the rights of carer families, particularly the rights of children in them.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2004.



EASING COST-OF-LIVING PRESSURES ON FAMILIES

This campaign is designed to encourage decisions by policy makers which ease the cost-of-living burdens endured by families, particularly kinship care families.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2004.



IMPROVING CHILDCARE PROVISION ACROSS AUSTRALIA



This campaign is designed to ensure the provision of cheaper and better quality childcare across Australia.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2004.



CREATING A CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA

This campaign was designed to ensure the creation of a national children's commissioner to protect the rights of all children in Australia.

This was commenced in 2004 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



CREATING GRANDPARENT ADVISERS IN CENTRELINK



This campaign was designed to ensure the creation of Centrelink grandparent advisors based in each state and territory .

This was commenced in 2004 and achieved, so is no longer an active campaign.



TIGHTENING REGULATIONS ON GAMBLING

This campaign was designed to tighten the regulations governing gambling in Victoria.

This was commenced in 2004, but is no longer an active campaign.



SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS DENIED ACCESS TO GRANDCHILDREN



This campaign is designed to highlight the pitfalls of family relationships bearing down and to remind the community of the benefits of multi-generational connections with families and across the community.

This is an ongoing campaign, commenced in 2003.

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