

# 'Journeys to justice' in focus on Forum Day

THE 2011 Forum Day hosted by the Sydney Catholic Women's League will focus on the theme 'Journeys to Justice' at the Australian Museum Theatre on July 23.

"Following on from the success of last year's Forum Day, we have chosen an important theme to focus on for this year's event," said CWL Sydney president Moya Potts.

"Each of our speakers will have a different perspective on 'Journeys to Justice', and we look forward to hearing them discuss these perspectives, including faith, social justice, criminal justice and physical journeys, at the event.

"The success of the Forum Day is due in part to the high calibre of speakers and we are fortunate to once again have an educated, engaging panel for our audience."

This year's speakers are Magistrate Jacqueline Milledge, Local Courts NSW; John



**DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES:** (From left) Jacqueline Milledge, John Hannaford and Sandie Cornish. (Right) The panel of speakers from last year's Forum Day answer questions from the audience.

Hannaford, former examiner, Australian Crime Commission; and Sandie Cornish, manager of research and social policy, Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services.

The first Catholic Women's League Forum Day, in 2010, looked at choices and consequences and reached out to a younger audience.

The speakers were Prof Gordian Fulde, director of emergency medicine at St Vincent's Hospital, Detective Superintendent Deb Wallace of the Middle Eastern Organised Crime Squad, then *Sydney Morning Herald* columnist Miranda Devine and bioethics lecturer Anna Krohn.

Emily Potts attended the 2010 event with her mother Moya.

"As a 23-year-old woman, my friends and I thoroughly enjoyed their stories of career choices and engaged in some great dialogue with the speakers regarding family/work balance," Emily said of last year's gathering.

"This was a very successful endeavour of CWL Sydney and CWL NSW to appeal to the younger generations and I enjoyed it immensely.

"The Forum Day was a unique experience to learn about the

guest speakers and hear their stories of choices and consequences in their private and professional lives."

The Forum Day includes a question and answer session, where the audience can interact with guests.

"The question and answer time provided us with an opportunity to open the dialogue to issues we all face and gain some insight from the speakers," Emily said.

Moya said the CWL welcomed feedback after the debut event last year, and said this feedback has been essential in improving the format for this year.

"We hope the 2011 Forum Day will be even better than last year's, and we invite you to join us for an insightful, informative day with our speakers."

Call (02) 9390 5153 or visit [www.cwlsydney.org.au](http://www.cwlsydney.org.au) to register. Cost is \$30 and includes afternoon tea.

## Speakers

Jacqueline Milledge, as the NSW senior deputy state coroner, oversaw the inquest into the death of Dianne Brimble aboard the Pacific Sky cruise ship in 2002. A former police officer, she is now a magistrate for the NSW Local Courts.



John Hannaford graduated in Law from the Australian National University in Canberra then practised as a solicitor in Sydney until elected to the NSW Parliament as a Liberal MP in 1984. He held a number of portfolios including Minister for State Development; Minister for Health; Minister for Community Services; Minister for Industrial Relations; and Attorney General and Minister for Justice. He was also Leader of the Government and Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council for seven years. After leaving Parliament, John became a professional

arbitrator and mediator and was a director of a number of companies. In 2003, he was appointed examiner of the Australian Crime Commission, from which he retired in January.

Sandie Cornish is a specialist in Catholic school teaching with more than 20 years' experience in social justice ministry at diocesan and national levels in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region. She has worked in the International Office of the Jesuit Refugee Service and is currently a member of the Jesuit Conference Asia Pacific Migration Task Force.



Moya Potts

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This unique **FORUM** will provide guests with an opportunity to listen to our expert panellists on the relevance of justice in today's society.



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