

**Apology Alliance: Working together to bring national attention to
the ALAS apology and the need for all State and Federal
Governments to apologise**

Apology Alliance: Channel 7
10/6/2009

From: [Christine Cole](#)
To: [marg hugh hamilton](#)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 3:52 PM
Subject: RE: channel 7

Hi Marg,

Both Melb and SA have contacted their various Ch. 7s so far. In SA the Post Adoption Support Services, Relationships Australia SA, contacted their media dept and asked them to chase it up. I have also been contacted by a contact I have at a Uni in Melb who is seeing what she can do. Is the interview with Koshi and Mel still going ahead?

Regards
Chris

10/6/2009

Original Message -----

From: [Christine Cole](#)
Cc: [arcs](#) ; [Janet Henegan](#) ; [Nikki Hartmann \(RASA\)](#)
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 1:38 PM
Subject: Apology Alliance: Royal Brisbane's Apology: Sunrise show

Hi Everyone,

FYI

As per Marg's update: NSW Ch 7 will begin promoting the Royal Brisbane's Apology some time today - and it will be shown on tomorrow's evening news. The other States have the option of showing it on Friday **if they take it up**. Pls contact your State and request they air it. I have been told that Trish Large, President of ALAS is being interviewed on Mel and Kochi's Sunrise program tomorrow morning - will keep you updated.

kind regards
Chris

Apology Alliance: Royal Brisbane Hospital Apologises
10/6/2009

-----Original Message-----
From: Christine Cole [mailto:C.Cole@uws.edu.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2009 12:56 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Apology Alliance: Royal Brisbane Hospital Apologises

Hi Everyone,

One of the member groups on our email list: ALAS - a Queensland based support group for mothers has received an apology from the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. The apology is for the mistreatment of some of the group's members whilst patients there, last century. Channel 7 filmed Janice (our resident artist) and the President of ALAS along with some other mothers at the hospital yesterday morning. During the filming Professor Ian Jones admitted that the hospital ill treated and overly drugged unwed mothers whilst patients at the hospital. As far as we know this sets a precedent as it is the first time, to my knowledge, that there has been a public apology from an Institution and admittance of wrong doing. The interview with Professor Jones and the mothers is scheduled to be shown on Ch. 7 news this evening. They are already showing the promos for it in Queensland. I have not seen any promos in NSW, so I think it is only state based. Hopefully the story gets taken up by others. If anyone has media contacts might be good to inform them of the story.

kind regards
Chris

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11/6/2009

Original Message -----

From: [Christine Cole](#)
Cc: [Janet Henegan](#) ; [Nikki Hartmann \(RASA\)](#)
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 2:14 PM
Subject: Apology Alliance: Ch. 7

Hi Everyone,

I have been interviewed for the Ch 7 news this evening. I am hoping they will do a longer follow up. I have been told Ch 7. is also going to run with the story in Victoria. Have not heard anything about the other States as of yet - If anyone wants to email *Sunrise* the PM is supposed to be making himself available to answer questions - so if anyone has the time log on and ask why the White stolen generation has not been apologised too? Particularly when the govt has acknowledged our existence officially on p. 2 of a Commonwealth published Report: The Inquiry into overseas adoptions

kind regards
Chris

ARMS (Vic)
11/06/2009

Hi all,

After many phone calls, Kate has been interviewed by Karen O'sullivan (Channel 7 news reporter) following on from the public apology issued in Queensland to mothers who lost their children to adoption. Karen was following up the same practices in Victoria however we were unable to find anyone locally who gave birth at the Royal Women's Hospital who was willing to be interviewed.

The interview will be aired tonight.

Hope you can all watch. Thanks Kate for being so brave.

Regards,

Alison

Apology Alliance:
12/6/2009

Hi Chris

A channel 7 reporter spoke to Maureen last night and wanted to interview a mother at lunchtime today – neither of us could do it at such short notice so we asked PASS to contact Evelyn Robinson and she is being interviewed and will be on the news in SA tonight.

Meg

From: Christine Cole [mailto:C.Cole@uws.edu.au]
Sent: Friday, 12 June 2009 13:57
Cc: Cumming, Sarah; Janet Henegan; Nikki Hartmann (RASA)
Subject:

Hi Everyone,

I was informed that White stolen generation footage will be aired tonight in SA. Has anyone see promos yet? Also attached is an apology from Hornsby Hospital.

I have sent everyone quite a few emails re the plight of Robin and her son. Robin refused to sign any adoption consent and was consequently told her son had died. Her 'supposedly dead' son rang her last year, furious thinking that Robin had left him to languish in a hospital for nearly 12 months because he had a health problem. Phillip had not been able to find his mother because whoever falsified the consent had misspelt both Robin's Christian names. Robin never went on to have further children or to marry. I informed the PM and nearly 100 politicians around Australia last year of Robin's case and the need to apologise to us so that we could also move on with our healing. I also pointed out that Indigenous mothers who had gone through the same experience as us under the same laws have been apologised to, whereas we have been once again left out and marginalised. Additionally I sent a copy of the mothers' book to the PM. Neither the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon or the PM even bothered to acknowledge let alone respond to my letter and emails. I have been told that the Ch. 7 reporter: Sarah Cumming is interviewing Robin for Ch. 7 news this evening and will also be to quote her:

"We are also confronting the Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon about this issue today.."

I will keep everyone updated.

kind regards

Chris

Dear Christine,

Congratulations on this milestone – I saw you on Channel 7's today tonight along with Jan and another lady.

The news is spreading like wildfire on the forums, including a copy of the "apology" from Royal Womens Hospital, Brisbane.

The world is being told.
Jeanette
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