

Join the *Forgotten Australians...*

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Apology to the Forgotten Australians

**When: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 at 8.30am**

**Where: Meet in Civic Square outside the ACT Legislative Assembly, off London Circuit, Civic**

**Who are Forgotten Australians?** They are approximately 500,000 Indigenous, non-Indigenous and former Child Migrant adults who were incarcerated as children in church, charity and state run orphanages, reformatories, training schools, psychiatric hospitals, children's homes and in foster care during the 20<sup>th</sup> century from the 1930s – 1990s.

- **Commemorate the apology:** On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2009, the Australian Parliament formally acknowledged and apologised for the ongoing trauma the Forgotten Australians still suffer today as a result of the abuse - sometimes criminal - and neglect of duty of care they experienced as children.
- **Meet with Federal and ACT politicians** to discuss the issues affecting Forgotten Australians and children in care today (past and present). These include better access to social and health services and better protection of children who are currently in state care today.
- **Speakers:** Forgotten Australian John Murray and Senator Gary Humphries.
- **Visit and celebrate the opening day of the Forgotten Australians exhibition 'INSIDE: Life in Children's Homes'** at the National Museum of Australia after the gathering at the Legislative Assembly, for Music to Remember by Forgotten Australians.

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