

FAMILY MATTERS FORUM WARRNAMBOOL

On Saturday, July 22 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission (BDSJC) hosted the second of three *Family Matters* Forums in Warrnambool. The first of these events was held in Ballarat and the final one will be held in Mildura.

Around forty participants gathered at St Pius X School West Warrnambool to explore the theme of family and strengthening respectful relationships. The guest speaker, Fr Frank Brennan was extremely engaging and thought provoking. The range of presenters, including qualified experts, explored the many ways that we can strengthen relationships in our own lives as well as showed us the different avenues for support.

This was a unique and valuable opportunity to explore this important theme. The participants in the forum were from a variety of backgrounds and family situations and I am sure that they all gained some new insights from the day.



Thanks to all those who helped to make the day a success. The forum now moves to Mildura on Saturday August 26. More details about the forum and registration can be found on the event website 2017familymatters.weebly.com.

Stacey Atkins, Member of the BDSJC



L-R: Presenters were Jo Sinclair (Centacare), Marea Sholly (Centacare), Adrian Dolman (Victoria Police), Wendy Garner (Centacare) and Linda Holland (Lifeline)