



You're invited: 13th Anniversary of the National Apology for Forced Adoptions



Dear Members, Colleagues and Friends,

VANISH and [ARMS Victoria](#) warmly invite you to join an informal gathering to commemorate the 13th Anniversary of the [National Apology for Forced Adoptions](#).

 **Date:** Saturday 21 March 2026

 **Time:** 2:00 to 3:30pm

 **Place:** St Andrews Reserve (Corner of Landsdowne St & St Andrews Place) East Melbourne

 **RSVP:** Please click the button below or call VANISH on (03) 9328 8611 or ARMS on 0400 701 621.

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Guest speakers **Lily Clifford** (Founder of ARMS) and **Dr Penny Zagarelou-Mackieson** (author and former Chair of VANISH) will reflect on progress since the 2013 apology and what still needs to be achieved. Further speakers will be announced in the lead up to the event.

Everyone impacted by past adoption practices is welcome—including adoptees, mothers, fathers, partners and friends. There will be light refreshments, seating and shade provided.

We hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

The team at VANISH

VANISH acknowledges the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live and work, and that sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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