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Key dates

14 Oct	Local Government Introductory Privacy Training–Melbourne & IAPP Conference
22 Oct	Public Records/ Privacy Training–Mildura
27 Oct	Privacy and HR Training–Melbourne
17 Nov	Public Records/ Privacy Training–Wangaratta

Links

Public Record Office Victoria
www.prov.vic.gov.au

[Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission](#)

Health Services Commissioner
www.health.vic.gov.au/hsc

Czech Data Protection Office
www.uouu.cz

IAPP ANZ
www.iappanz.org

Papers Invited – Major 2010 Conference

Privacy Victoria has announced a Call for Papers for a major one-day conference on Children, Young People and Privacy to be held on 21 May 2010 in Melbourne.

The Call for Papers closes Friday 15 January 2010. A full conference program will be released in early February 2010.

Youth Advisory Group to Meet

The first meeting of Privacy Victoria's new Youth Reference Group will be held on Friday 16 October.

New Posters

A set of three A4 posters adapted from the privacy display at the 2009 Royal Melbourne Show are [now available for download](#).

Information Privacy Act Training Materials

Privacy Victoria Training Materials September 2009 are based on earlier Privacy Victoria training materials and provide expanded and updated content. The materials comprise PowerPoint slides with background notes, training activities and a *Trainers' Guide*.

The *Trainers' Guide* explains how the materials can be used to deliver privacy training and includes the answers to the activities.

Upcoming Training

Local Government Staff

An introduction to the *Information Privacy Act* specifically tailored for staff from local councils is being held



10,000 public transport ticket holders were distributed at the 2009 Royal Melbourne Show

in Melbourne on **Wednesday 14 October**. [Download a form to register](#).

Privacy and Human Resources

Privacy Victoria is conducting Privacy and Human Resources training on **Tuesday 27 October** in Melbourne. Prerequisites apply. [Download a form to register](#).

Regional Public Records/ Privacy Sessions

Privacy Victoria and the Public Record Office Victoria are conducting these free one-day training sessions:

Mildura	Thursday 22 Oct
Wangaratta	Tuesday 17 Nov
Sale	Friday 27 Nov

To register for any session email training@privacy.vic.gov.au. See [September eNews](#) for further details.

New Human Rights Commissioner

On 29 September, Dr Helen Szoke [accepted her appointment](#) by the Attorney-General as Commissioner of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission. Dr Szoke has held the position of Chief Conciliator and CEO at the Commission since 2004.

New Deputy Victorian Health Services Commissioner

Health Services Commissioner, Beth Wilson, has announced the appointment of Mr Grant Davies to the position of Deputy Commissioner – Manager, Complaints. Mr Davies is currently employed as the Investigations Manager at the Office of the Aged Care Commissioner and commences in his new role on Monday, 19 October 2009.

Melbourne Privacy Conference

Privacy professionals can register for the International Association of Privacy Professionals' [Privacy Proofing Your Organisation: Now and for the Future](#) conference, Federation Square, Melbourne 14 October 2009. Register at www.iappanz.org or phone 03 9895 4475.

Privacy Victoria Network

The [Privacy Victoria Network](#) (PVN) facilitates and encourages information exchange about the *Information Privacy Act*, and privacy issues more broadly, within the Victorian public sector.

My Privacy! Don't Look, Don't Poke About!

The Czech Republic Office for Personal Data Protection is an independent body which:

- supervises the observance of legally mandated responsibilities in the processing of personal data
- maintains a register of instances of notified personal data processing
- deals with incentives and complaints from citizens concerning infringements of the law
- provides consultations in the area of personal data protection.

On 1 September the Office, supported by the Commission for Protection of Privacy of the Senate of the Czech Parliament, opened an exhibition of children's picture and texts from the annual *My Privacy! Don't look, don't poke about!* competition.

The reproduced image was created by ten year old Kateřina Svobodová who received an Honourable Mention in the Art Section for Children up to 12 Years of Age.



Artwork by Kateřina Svobodová

A full set of entries, and details of past and future competitions, [can be seen online](#).

Newsworthy

[New Victorian drivers' licences](#)
Victoria's drivers' licensing system will be upgraded to crackdown on illegal immigrants and money launderers. The Victorian Government says facial recognition technology will be used, making it almost impossible for somebody to obtain two licences.

Membership

PVN membership is open to Privacy Managers, Privacy Officers/Contact Officers, or staff with equivalent responsibilities within state government departments and agencies, statutory authorities and local councils. Other interested public sector staff are also invited to join.

Member benefits

Privacy Victoria Network members are able to attend the three Network meetings held in March, July and November each year. They also receive the monthly *Privacy Victoria Network eNews*.

Return the [registration form](#) to join.

ID scam: my big fat fake wedding

In an unusual case of identity fraud, detailed in a Family Court judgment, someone apparently used the woman's lost birth certificate to assume her identity and have the marriage registered.

In Germany, 25,000 march for more privacy from authorities

Around 25,000 people demonstrated against increasing monitoring and data gathering by authorities and companies in Berlin in September. Organisers of the demonstration, under the motto "Freedom rather than fear – stop the surveillance madness," said it was a success and should serve to show politicians how many people care about their privacy.

Does DNA database unfairly brand the innocent?

British scientist Alec Jeffreys realized 25 years ago Thursday that individuals have "DNA fingerprints," unique patterns of genetic material that can be used to identify them. The discovery has solved thousands of crimes, put murderers behind bars, split and reunited families - and launched a fierce debate about privacy and human rights.

Hitler's 39 living relatives revealed

Thirty-nine living relatives of Adolf Hitler have been discovered by a customs official and a journalist who claim to have decoded the Nazi dictator's DNA.

Privacy Photo of the Month

by Melanie Hopgood-Bould



1.2bn population of India to be given biometric ID cards

In India, Big Brother just wants to help. The country's 1.2 billion citizens are to be issued with a biometric identity card in an attempt to improve the delivery of India's inefficient public services – a move civil liberties' activists are condemning as the act of a "surveillance society".

Privacy fears over number plate scanning

High-tech number plate scanning technology is being taken up by police forces around the world, with enforcement agencies recognising its potential as a crime detection and prevention tool. But civil liberty and

privacy groups have warned of its potential for misuse in every country where it has been widely introduced.

Watch the credit watcher

Unfortunately, the first most of us know about a black mark on our credit record is when we apply for a loan and are told there's a problem.

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