

DIARY NOTE

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Adoption Connections Meeting in Parramatta: 5 March 2019

The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Resource Centre (PARC) will host an Adoption Connections meeting in Parramatta NSW on Tuesday 5 March from 6.00pm-8.30pm to provide information and support for local people affected by adoption.

It's an opportunity for anyone affected by adoption – adopted persons, parents, siblings, grandparents and other family members – to find out one's rights to access information, searching for family members, or having a reunion.

The FREE meeting will focus on 'down the track' issues such as:

- How do I find out about my / my adult child's adoption?
- How do I search for my adult child / my parents/ my siblings?
- How do I find out about my father?
- Post contact – down the track: I need help to try again!
- After years of not knowing, I've found out I am adopted!
- Doing search and reunion in an online age.

"It is estimated that one in 15 people are affected by adoption and the effects are often likened to ripples in a pond, because the effects can touch more and more people as time passes and generations of a family grow," explained Fiona Cameron, PARC Team Leader for The Benevolent Society.

With guest speakers to share their experiences of adoption and connect with others in a similar situation, the special event will include informal discussion and a display of relevant resources and books.

The meeting will be held on the sixth floor of the Relationships Australia office at 126 Church Street, Parramatta. Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

While the event is FREE of charge, bookings are essential before 25 February. For more information and to book to attend, call (02) 9504 6788 or 1300 659 814 or email PARC@benevolent.org.au.

WHAT:	Adoption Connections Meeting in Parramatta NSW
WHERE:	Sixth floor of Relationships Australia office, 126 Church Street, Parramatta
COST:	FREE (coffee, tea and snacks provided)
WHEN:	Tuesday 5 March 2019 – from 6.00pm-8.30pm
RSVP:	Before 25 February by calling (02) 9504 6788 or 1300 659 814 or email PARC@benevolent.org.au .

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