

# VCOD Sign of the Times



This is a unique event offered by VCOD in recognition and promotion of persons/organisations involved in advocacy and human rights of deaf people. Signs of the Times have been presented by different people from Australia and overseas.

The first Sign of the Times was presented in 1990 by John Lovett, Tim Moore, Graham Peters, Dr Jan Branson and John Flynn. Other Signs of the Times' presenters were Carol Padden, Tom Humphries, Breda Carty, Robert Adams, Paddy Ladd to name a few.

**VCOD is proud to announce that Ryan Tuema will be presenting at the "Signs of Times XVI" 2010 to be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the John Lovett Centre, Vic Deaf Centre.**



Ryan Tuema

Forensic Psychologist

Victorian Dept of Justice - Principal, Vitalogy Consulting

Ryan is a registered psychologist and a full member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and a full member of the APS College of Forensic Psychologists. He has developed a private psychology practice called Vitalogy Consulting exclusively for the deaf and deaf/blind community. He continues to forge strong ties with VICDEAF Society, Deaf Children Australia, ABLE Deaf/Blind Australia, the Queensland Deaf Society (QDS) and the Deaf Association of New Zealand. Ryan has just presented at the 15th World Congress for the World Federation for the Deaf in Madrid, Spain. He has presented at VICDEAF Society "Mental Health in the Context of Deafness" where he developed and presented a professional development seminar for 70 sign language interpreters. Furthermore, he is a co-author in a book chapter focusing on Interpreting for Indigenous Clients in Forensic Settings. Ryan has worked with several Level 3 AUSLAN interpreters and has developed competence in providing high quality therapeutic services with the use of an interpreter to the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community. Recently, Ryan presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness Conference. (Reference: <http://www.mhd2009.org>)

***Ryan is passionate about deaf rights in mental health needs and their rights to an accessible and equitable justice system.***

More information about the Signs of the Times XVI will be provided in near future.