

Leanne Petrides

Leanne is a non-practising psychologist with over 30 years' experience working in a variety of roles in the community sector, including housing and child protection work. She has been the Executive Officer of the Cranbourne Information & Support Service Inc (CISS) since 1999 and has also been employed as a teacher by Chisholm Institute for 25 years. Leanne has experience in training staff, both professional and voluntary, across a range of disciplines.

Since working at CISS, Leanne has been instrumental in advocating to better meet the needs of a growing, vulnerable population. Under her direction, the agency has grown to become the largest provider of emergency relief and free counselling services in Casey South. Leanne is actively involved with raising the profile and needs of the Cranbourne and Casey South communities and aims to continually inform government and lobby for social change to benefit those in most need.

Leanne has recently completed a "Women in Leadership" course, and works very closely with Casey Council, contributing actively to additional projects and Committees at Council's request.