

The Rev Tim Costello AO

Voice on Social Justice, Leadership & Ethics

Rev Tim Costello is one of Australia's most respected community leaders and a sought after voice on social justice issues, leadership and ethics.

For 13 years, Tim was Chief Executive of World Vision Australia (WVA). Tim is the Executive Director of Micah Australia. He is also Director of Ethical Voice.

Other positions Tim holds are Senior Advisor for the Centre for Public Christianity; Chair of the Community Council for Australia; Co-Chair of the Charities Crisis Cabinet; Chief Advocate of the Thriving Communities Partnership.



Tim is a spokesperson for the Alliance for Gambling Reform, which campaigns for law reform to prevent harm from poker machine gambling.

In earlier roles Tim was National President of the Baptist Union of Australia and Mayor of St Kilda. He has been Baptist Minister at St Kilda Baptist and Collins Street Baptist in Melbourne, as well as Executive Director of Urban Seed.

Initially Tim studied law and education at Monash University, followed by theology at the International Baptist Seminary in Rueschlikon, Switzerland. He also received a Masters Degree in Theology from the Melbourne College of Divinity.

In 2006 Tim was named Victoria's Australian of the Year, in June 2005 was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO); in 2004, was named Victorian of the Year; and in 1997 was named as one of Australia's 100 National Living Treasures.

Tim Costello and his wife Merridie, have three adult children, Claire, Elliot and Martin.

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