

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Promoting Positive and Health Relationships

The Hobsons Bay City Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2007 - 2011 identified 'mental health and wellbeing (including depression and family violence)' as one of six health priority areas for the municipality. In particular, action 3.1.2 in the Health and Wellbeing Plan states that 'the Council will identify its role in preventing violence against women in Hobsons Bay'.

The 'Positive and Healthy Relationships: Promoting Respect, Diversity and Equity' project was undertaken in 2009 in order to do this. The project included consultations with permanent Council staff members to identify the Council's role, any work currently undertaken by the Council and any work to be undertaken in the future to prevent violence against women in Hobsons Bay.

The project has resulted in the completion of a discussion paper which provides an outline of the issue, a summary of the Council's proposed role in addressing this issue and recommendations to guide the Council's future work to prevent violence against women.

The recommendation arising out of this project is that the Council develop a policy position statement on the issue of preventing violence against women, which the Council is now working towards.

Watch this space...

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