

CITY OF BOROONDARA:

prioritising family violence

The Boroondara Community Safety Advisory Committee identified family violence as a priority in 2008.

In the same year Council awarded a Community Grant to Camcare to research family violence in Boroondara. One of the recommendations in the final research report was to establish a local family violence network. The Boroondara Family Violence Network was established in 2009. In October 2009, the Network organised a Family Violence Forum, which was attended by key external agencies and Council staff. The aim of the forum was to raise awareness of the impact of family violence and how agencies can work together to address the issue.

In 2009, the City of Boroondara also funded the development and printing of the Boroondara Community Safety and Rights Information Card to provide residents and agencies with information about family violence and available support and services. The first 5000 cards were quickly distributed to the community and agencies, and a further 5000 have also been distributed.

The City of Boroondara is a member of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Local Government Community Safety Network. In 2010, the seven local governments in the network funded the development and printing of the Eastern Region Local Government Help Card for women and men to address family violence. The cards will be launched in October this year.

In 2010, Cr Coral Ross was appointed as Councillor representative on the Boroondara Family Violence Network. The Network plans to run a forum on elder abuse in 2011.

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