

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE JUNE 2011**

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

March – May 2011

Putting the Pieces Together is a 12 month community based violence prevention project in the Central Goldfields Shire of Victoria. The project commenced in March 2011. The project is still in the planning stages and has formed a planning group of regional and local service providers to guide the project.

### **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

Several project ideas have been put forward and the project coordinator is researching similar projects and identifying relevant data and stakeholders to inform planning.

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### **- Hume City Council**

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

- Draft White Ribbon Action Team Strategy 2011 – 2014; the Strategy focuses on Council's Leadership on the issue of PVAW, Staff, the Community and Business;
- Integrated Family Violence – Strengthening the Risk Management Demonstration Project (soon to commence in Hume City);
- Social Justice and Safe City Taskforce; Working Group on Family Violence continuing to develop an advocacy position on highlighting service needs in the area;
- Hume Family and Domestic Violence Network will be working with the author of 'Kill the Possum' and developing a school resources that will utilise Broadmeadows Magistrates Court to film the resource.

### **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

- Seeking endorsement of the Draft White Action Team Ribbon Strategy 2011 – 2014;
- Pursuing local Business Partners to expand upon Corporate Social Responsibility focus –specifically with major employer;
- Continuing to implement relevant Strategies from Councils' Community Safety Strategy.

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE JUNE 2011**

### **- Kingston City Council**

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

In 2010 Kingston City Council has set up a working group to bring the Preventing Violence Against Women agenda to our local government. This will be used as a strategy to address this issue which is part of our Community Safety Plan and Council Plan.

Our first activity was the White Ribbon Day Event where we used the “The Oath” as a strategy to get people involved. We used the DVD “Love Control” and had the White Ribbon Ambassador Leigh Gassner speak at our event.

We Believe our event was a great success as we had our Mayor (at the time) Steve Staikos our CEO John Nevins and all our male General Managers and about 50 staff members take the oath. Our working group was very happy with the results as we had a lot more men come than we had anticipated.

The feed back from this event was positive and we wanted to continue to keep this agenda in the mind of the staff of this organisation. Given this we decided to expand this event and work with the community as well.

In 2011 the working group looked at what we wanted to achieve for the year and we came up with a great Action Plan that will guide the group in 2011 and future activities.

### **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

1. Developing a bookmark for Kingston City Council to hand out to all.
2. Developing a fact sheet for males and females.
3. We would like to work with young people on our White Ribbon Day project.
4. We will to expand our working group to incorporate external stakeholders.
5. Run a training day at Kingston City Council for Preventing Violence against Women.

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE JUNE 2011**

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation’s recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

Staff Attitudes Survey – survey being rolled out to all staff. Results will assist in developing targets initiatives in the 2011/12 year. (attachment info sheet sent to all senior managers)

Ongoing engagement with Outer East PVAW Strategic Alliance

### **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

2011/12 – gender equity training to Senior management team WRD internal working group being established

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE JUNE 2011**

### **- Macedon Ranges Shire Council**

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation’s recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

Launch of the Macedon Ranges Community Safety and Crime Prevention Partnership Plan that identifies Safe and Secure Women as a priority area.

Some of the objectives include supporting equal and relationships between men and women, and to enhance cooperation between local agencies to assist those affected by intimate partner violence.

### **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILTY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE JUNE 2011**

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**2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

Strategy for a Safer City going back to council for full endorsement on 14 June 2011. The public comment period highlighted that the strategy lacked any significant reference to the PVAW (relevant to this committee report)

**3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

Have the strategy endorsed in June. Determine PVAW activities for 2011/2012

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**2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

- *Moreland Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2011-2015* was endorsed by Council in March 2011. We are currently finalising graphics and printing for distribution of the strategy. Word document version is uploaded on LGCBNP website.

- Staff survey on attitudes to family violence is currently underway.

- Reviewing *Family Violence Policy* (workplace internal policy)

- Applying for funding through FaHCSIA PVAW grant for a roll-out of the *Baby Makes 3* program with Maternal and Child Health and Merri Community Health Service.

- Mayor, Cr Oscar Yildiz has applied to become a White Ribbon Ambassador

- Northern region Clothesline event to be held this year in Week Without Violence, a partnership between the region's local family violence networks.

- *Sport and recreation:*

- Recently completed an audit of all our sports clubs and pavilions to assess whether they are welcoming and inclusive of women. A priority list is being developed to improve facilities that score poorly.

- Aquatic clothing policy was reviewed with a gender lens.

- Auditing netball within Moreland with the hope of enhancing school and club pathways – The Essendon District Football League (EDFL) are looking into developing an EDFL Netball Competition. *Fair Game: Respect Matters* has been a key driver of this from EDFL.

- Developing an *Active Moreland* standard which clubs will be able to apply for (standard includes good governance, inclusive and welcoming practices and programs, SSA affiliation, responsible service of alcohol, healthy food and accredited officials and volunteers). *Active Moreland* endorsed clubs will be promoted as being welcoming and inclusive of all people. Elements of 'Everyone Wins' for clubs, when available will be incorporated to reduce duplication.

**3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

Plans to establish a White Ribbon Action team within the next few months

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## **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

- We are finalising our regional strategy to prevent violence against women – Building a

Respectful Community. The strategy will include an action plan to engage local government and community health in activities to prevent violence against women.

- We participate in the Gender Equity in Local Government working group and have been contributing to the development of factsheets to promote gender equity within local government.
- We are involved in developing a proposal to evaluate the Northern region 'Family Violence Help Cards'.

## **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

- We are coordinating a regional activity with the local family violence networks in our region in recognition of 'A Week Without Violence'. This activity will be in addition to the activities happening on a local level.

## **LEADERSHIP, EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY (LEAS) NETWORK UPDATE June 2011**

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## **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women.**

- The Whittlesea Domestic Violence Network are involved in the preparation and planning for a regional Clothesline project to be held in *Week Without Violence*.
- Council are involved in planning and resourcing the evaluation of the Help Card project
- Council are currently in the process of developing an internal Family Violence Policy and clauses to be included in the EBA negotiations.
- Whittlesea continue to support and resource the *Whittlesea Community Futures Partnership* and the development of the Family Violence Forum. Whittlesea Community Futures working groups have noted broad community concern in relation to this issue and the Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Communities and the Early Years Partnerships clusters have both identified family violence as a key priority areas within their action plans.
- The Councils Multicultural Resource Officers are actively involved with the *Northern Interfaith Respectful Relationships Project* (funded by Vic Health).
- Advocacy Fact Sheets; Council are in the process of expanding their advocacy fact sheets to include a series that focus on Violence against Women and Children
- Councils Health Promotion Officer has been involved in the development and review of the Strategy for the Prevention of Violence against Women in the Northern Region, being developed by Women's Health in the North (WHIN).

## **3. Next Steps / Plans for 2011?**

- Support and resource Councils White Ribbon Action team
- Continue to advocate for an internal Family Violence Policy
- Collaborate with other Northern Region Councils on a White Ribbon Day activity, building on previous successful projects such as the Northern Region White Ribbon Day Leaders Lunch.