

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

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### **1. Title: Council / Organisation name**

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City of Greater Dandenong

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### **2. A summary of your Council / Organisation's recent engagement with preventing violence against women: 2010**

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Publication of articles about family violence in the Council newsletter, including one commemorating White Ribbon Day, accompanied by a well-attended White Ribbon Day event within Council and promotion of this day and its significance across the organisation.

Preparation and distribution of a report summarising the nature, prevalence and other aspects of family violence, and outlining relevant State and Federal Policy and local initiatives.

Preparation of bumper stickers featuring the logo 'Say No to Violence Against Women' for use on council vehicles and possible public distribution.

Preparation of an article for publication in a metropolitan Vietnamese-language newspaper.

Provision of the 'Dads in Dandenong' men's parenting program, funded by Council and Communities for Children, with a focus on family violence prevention, outreach support, education and counselling.

Conduct of the 'Male Adolescents at Risk Project', facilitating behaviour change among adolescent males exhibiting aggressive behaviour; and a program for young males at risk of using violence in their adult personal relationships.

Incorporation of measures to respond to family violence in the Council Community Plan, Community Wellbeing Plan, Safety Plan and Early Years Plan; the development of a draft family violence strategy; and the establishment of a Family Violence Steering Group within Council.

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

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Consideration of the re-publication of resource cards, listing 10 key services and supports in the region, again in English and several key community languages

Consideration of the development of human resources policies to specify processes for

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supporting staff who face issues of family violence.

Planning of local projects to highlight, and promote community participation in responding to, the issue of family violence.

Seeking grants for further ongoing work in responding to family violence in various community settings

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