

Strathbogie Shire Council
LGPVAW actions since last LEAS meeting
(Dec 10-Feb 11)

- We have continued along awaiting the EOI PVAW pilot outcome. Attended interview panel with Director Steve Crawcour and Caroline Harlow Community Service Coordinator. As long a rural is one of the pilots that will be great for our rural communities.
- Cr Furlanetto will be participating on the VLGA women's advisory committee this year, (ran for VLGA board selection but was unsuccessful)
- Cr Furlanetto has also been invited to join the N/ East region Rural Women Leading Change Program DPCD and hoped facilitator training in support of Women Gathering (A model for empowering women)
- Cr Furlanetto as current chair of the Strathbogie Health & Community Services Alliance (supported by GVPCP and DOH funding) reports to the committee and it is hoped that PVAW "A right to Respect" will play an important role in the health committee's communication of services for the shire as we move forward.
- Council was represented by Mayor and several councillors at recent Victorian Police presentation by Chief Commissioner Simon Overland at Wangaratta on the Vic Pol "The Way Ahead 2008 – 2013 Plan". Questions and discussion from the Strathbogie Shire representatives on resources and the issues identified in the report that reporting of family violence had increased, and discussion around is it further reporting or indication of increase in domestic violence, or a combination of both. Chief Commissioner Overland discussed with Cr Furlanetto and Cr Swan and two of the Moira Councillors with whom we have put our EOI in for pilot. He even availed a photo opportunity.
- Cr Furlanetto presented at "Right to Respect Preventing Violence in Central Victoria" on Strathbogie's Journey at a forum on the 21st February in Maryborough hosted by Central Goldfields Shire.
- The Milo program in Euroa won the Strathbogie Shire Australia Day award as best community club for their support of White Ribbon.
- Continuing on working towards the Strathbogie Shire Action Plan "A right to respect: a community responsibility".