

# Strong, Safe and Connected: The Women's Football Foundation Western Region Local Government's Women's Health West



During 2010, the Women's Football Foundation is partnering with the Western Region Local Government Preventing Violence Against Women and Family Violence Prevention Network to take a stand against violence.



Violence affects one in five Victorian women during their lifetimes. Throughout 2010, this partnership will focus on promoting the prevention of violence against women within WRFL clubs.



During the Women in Football weekend this year, the Foundation is encouraging all WRFL clubs, players and officials to purchase pink shoelaces to support the work of the Foundation and Women's Health West.



Prevention of violence against women posters and brochures have been provided for clubs to display.



## Violence against women - the reality:

- Leading contributor to death, disability and illness in Victorian women aged 15 to 44, higher than any other risk factor including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking (The Health Costs of Violence 2004).
- Can be fatal. Four out of five female homicides in Australia involve a man murdering his female partner (National Homicide Monitoring Program Annual Report 2007).
- Cost the Australian economy \$13.6 billion in 2009 (National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2009).
- Almost one in four children has witnessed violence against their mother or stepmother (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2005).

