

Issue 39

Southern Domestic Violence *Action* Group

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**Southern Domestic
Violence Action
Group
(SDVAG)**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month

Next Meeting at Family & Relationships Centre

38 Beach Rd, Christies Beach

From 10am – 12:30pm

Ring 8382 0066

If you would like to join.

**Welcome to the Winter Issue
of the Southern Domestic
Violence Action Group's
Newsletter!**

**STOP
VIOLENCE
AGAINST
WOMEN**



Inside this issue.

- What the politicians are thinking
- What is happening in the community
- SDVAG support

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency: 000 Kids Helpline : 1800 551 800

Police: 131 444 Child & Youth Health Parent Helpline : 1300 364 100

Domestic Violence and Aboriginal Family Violence Gateway: 1300 782 200

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No~One Need Live In Fear – Winter 2016



What the politicians are thinking?



- Create a new \$5 billion National Partnership Agreement on Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women to specialist services such as crisis phone services, women's shelters, training for service providers, counselling, perpetrator interventions, and other specialist domestic violence services.
- Roll out more effective perpetrator interventions including men's behaviour change programs and early intervention programs worth \$128 million over 4 years.
- Fund a national peak body for specialist domestic violence services with \$8 million over 4 years.
- Spend \$100 million over 2 years on crisis accommodation to make sure no-one is left without a place to stay.
- Increase funding for legal assistance by at least \$200 million per year.
- Support State and Territory governments to roll out specialist domestic violence courts with \$5 million over 2 years.
- Make family law safe, with a \$60 million package.
- Support young people who are victims of violence.
- Build long-term affordable housing to clear the bottleneck in the system, including immediate construction of 14,500 affordable dwellings funded by changes to negative gearing.
- Provide 10 days of paid domestic violence leave as a right for every worker.

Australian families should be free from incidents of violence. Police and family violence services must properly protect and support survivors.

Examples of what needs to be done

- The creation of a federal body which investigates the circumstances surrounding every fatal family violence incident, with a particular focus on systemic failures in the lead-up to each incident. Currently police forces rarely undertake this level of investigation, which allows flawed systems to remain in place. Often law enforcement agencies have missed opportunities to intervene before a fatal incident occurs.
- Advocate for uniform laws relating to family violence across all state and territory jurisdictions, to ensure equal protection regardless of where someone lives
- Create and fund an evidence-based national awareness campaign with a particular focus on the cultural environment which contributes to family violence
- Provide adequate funding for a coordinated approach to family and intimate partner violence including safe houses, counselling, case management and legal support to ensure survivors have a voice and can enforce their rights
- Rehabilitation of perpetrators to help reduce the ongoing harm caused by repeat offenders and in turn the damaging intergenerational cycle of this particular type of crime
- Creation and funding of a national education program in schools focussing on respect and safety in family and other interpersonal relationships



NICK XENOPHON

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What the politicians are thinking?



Labor is committed to removing the scourge that is violence against women from Australia. That's why Labor will provide a package of more than \$70 million over three years in targeted funding to help women access critical services. Labor will invest \$42.9 million towards legal services on the frontline to enable women that have experienced or been threatened by violence to access much needed legal help. Locally this means that the Southern Community Justice Centre will receive an additional \$300,000 in funding over the next three years. \$4.5 million will also be invested in Family Violence Prevention Legal Services to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

These commitments build on the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children that Labor established in 2010, as the first long-term national strategy to address family violence. Within the first 100 days of office, Labor will hold a national crisis summit to address domestic and family violence. A national crisis summit will provide a forum for both state and federal governments, for stakeholders, and for victims and their families to have an open discussion about the key challenges. It will help build momentum for much-needed reform.

Labor will provide five days paid domestic and family violence leave in the National Employment Standards. This is part of a solution to reduce the costs of domestic and family violence to individuals, as well as reduce the cost to businesses and the Australia economy. This policy will help women to retain their job and income. Rosie Batty has said that an important part of moving beyond the violence is the ability to keep a job. It gives women choice, reduces isolation, and helps them to care for their children and for themselves.

Amanda Rishworth MP

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What are the Politicians promising?



About Kelvin



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I was born and raised in the South. From the scenic coast in Sellicks Beach where I grew up, to the suburbs in Reynella, I know our community well.

I put my hand up to represent our community because I understand many of the issues we face, and I am determined to work to fix them.

Tackling domestic violence in the South is a priority of mine and I am pleased to be part of the Turnbull Liberal Team which has acted to protect women and children, and

has the right policies to make sure the family home is a safe place.

There are many initiatives that the Government has invested in, and can continue to invest in, that will address the issue of domestic violence.

In addition to direct domestic violence policies we must also fight the spread of drugs such as Ice, and ensure women have jobs that offer economic security so they can better remove themselves and their children from abusive situations.

Reducing violence against women and their children

The Turnbull Coalition Team is building on its efforts to reduce violence against women and their children. Last September we announced a \$100 million Women's Safety Package.

- ✔ **An additional \$100 million to keep women and children safe under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.** This includes targeted assistance for Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse women and their children.

- ✔ **\$9.9 million for the National Domestic Violence Order Information Sharing System.** This strengthens identifying and enforcing domestic violence orders (DVOs) across State and Territory borders for police, and courts.

Improving Women's health

The Turnbull Coalition Team will contribute to the improved health and wellbeing of Australian women.

- ✔ Developing online support resources to **better support new mothers and pregnant women suffering from or at risk of perinatal depression.**
- ✔ Investing \$3 million over four years to provide Australian **women access to earlier, safer and better detection of breast cancer.**



Supporting women on low incomes and their superannuation

The Turnbull Coalition Team's superannuation measures will help women accumulate more superannuation and boost their financial security.

- ✔ **The Low Income Superannuation Tax Offset will help low income earners accumulate super.**
- ✔ **Improving the superannuation balances of low income spouses** by extending the current spouse tax offset.

The current offset of up to \$540 will be extended to any individual contributing to a spouse whose income is \$37,000 or less.

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PRIME MINISTER
**MALCOLM TURNBULL
AND KELVIN BINNS**

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In the Community...



Women's DV Court Assistance Service

Victim Support Services provide a *Women's DV Court Assistance Service* for women who are applying for, or already have an intervention order.

The aim is to support women within the courts to increase their access to the justice system.

The service provides:

- Work with women who wish to directly apply to the court for an intervention order,
- Legal advice on all aspects of applying for a new intervention order or intervention order variations and revocations,
- Assisting women to complete forms and obtain evidence,
- Advocating for fee waiver, when appropriate,
 - Support women to report breaches,
 - Support women when a defendant breaches.

Enquiries
Debra Spizzo
Senior Legal Practitioner

Looking for Support?

Domestic Violence Support Group

Are you in a relationship where you fear for your safety, can't cope, have no freedom and feel as if you're walking on eggshells? Or have you left a relationship like this and you are still feeling shaky?

Women's Legal Service

Every second Friday.

Phone Women's Legal Service on 8231 8929

Southern Domestic Violence Service

Supporting women and children who are living with or escaping DV, with short or medium term supported accommodation. **Ph: 8382 0066**

Child & Adolescent Family Violence & Abuse

Parent & Carers' Support Group.

A free meeting place for parents and carers to talk,

Women are strong...
Women do survive.



A Group for Women in the Southern Suburbs:

Do you sometimes feel like you are walking on egg shells?

Are you confused by your partner or ex-partner's behaviour towards you, and think it might be abusive?

Do you feel alone, or uncertain what to do?

Join us in an 8 week support group for women starting on:

Friday 5 August 2016 at 10.00 to 12.30
in the Hackham area (address provided on registration)

This group is offered throughout each school-term of the year and will provide a confidential and safe space where we will explore:

- Being a person for yourself rather than a person for someone else
- How to reconnect with our personal strengths
- The effects of abusive or hurtful relationships
- How to manage overwhelming emotions
- Women's role in the family and society
- Developing strategies for personal safety



ANGLICARES



A number of agencies involved in this collaborative partnership are funded by the Government Department of Social Services. These services are all members of the OCA (Onkaparinga Collaborative Approach)

To register or for more information please contact us on 8215 6310



CRISIS SUPPORT

<u>Lifeline</u>	13 11 14	24hr crisis line Online support 6.30pm-3.30am 7 days
<u>SA Mental Health Triage</u>	13 14 65	24hr Mental health emergency support and referral
<u>Qlife</u>	1800 184 527	Queer peer phone and online counseling 2.30pm-11.30pm 7 days
<u>Kids Help Line</u>	1800 55 1800	24hr phone and online counseling P 5-25
<u>Suicide Call Back Service</u>	1300 659 467	24hr phone and online counseling P>15
<u>eHeadspace</u>	1800 650 890	Phone and online support and referral P 12-25
<u>24 Hour rape/sexual assault line</u>	1800 817 421	Yarrow Place P> 16
<u>Beyond Blue</u>	1300 22 4636	24hr phone support and find a professional Online 2.30pm-11.30pm 7 days
<u>Homelessness Gateway</u>	1800 003 308	24hr crisis accommodation phone line
<u>Junction Australia</u>	131 611	After hours crisis care (homelessness, domestic violence) counseling.

If there is an emergency call 000

NON-CRISIS SUPPORT

<u>MIFSA</u>	1800 985 944	Information, referral and free counseling 9am-5pm 5 days
<u>SHineSA</u>	1300 794 584	Sexual health services and counseling (free for P<25)
<u>SAMESH</u>	7099 5300	Free counseling for people with HIV and rapid HIV testing
<u>Clinic 275</u>	8222 5075	Walk in clinic, STI and HIV testing
<u>Bfriend</u>	8202 5805	One to one peer support and support groups for people just out/ coming out/wanting to come out/ or family members.



Developed by the MIFSA LGBTIQ Project

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SDVAG Support...

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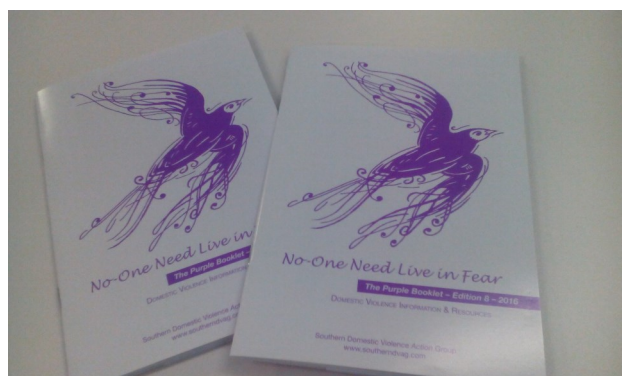


Our last meeting saw the launch of the 8th edition of 'No-One Need Live in Fear' – also known as 'The Purple Booklet.'

The Purple booklet is a very popular and valuable resource for services and agencies that work with female victims of domestic violence. It contains useful information to help identify and understand domestic violence and contains contact details to assist and support women.

It has been designed as a resource for services working with women who have been identified as victims of domestic violence and live in the southern area. This booklet is NOT intended to be placed in waiting rooms where perpetrators are able to access this information and use it against the women we aim to help.

Please note the SDVAG is unable to provide booklets to be used outside of the southern area. If you think your organisation would be interested in this publication and you meet the SDVAG's criteria please contact Jennie at jennie.paynter@lsc.sa.gov.au for further details and payment options.



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Domestic Violence & Aboriginal Family Violence

Gateway:

1300 782 200 /1800 800 098

DV Crisis Service : 1300 782 200

Crisis Care: 131 611

Kids Hpline: 1800 551 800

Child & Youth Health:

Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100

Youth Helpline: 1300 131 719

Membership

ABN: 33 467 685 846

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New member

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Renewal

Membership is renewable annually

Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Email me my newsletters

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Confidentiality

I may be contacted by phone ☐

I may be contacted by mail ☐

No contact whatsoever please ☐

Community membership \$5 ☐

Organisational membership \$30 ☐

Donation \$ _____

Cheques or money orders can be made payable to Southern Domestic Violence Action Group Inc. This form becomes a tax invoice when you make your payment. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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