

WRISC 2016 AGM & CELEBRATION

On Thursday November 24, WRISC held our 2016 AGM in celebration of a year of achievements in our quest to provide the best possible service and support to women and children experiencing family violence in the Central Highlands Region. A highlight of the proceedings was the talk given by Asha, former worker at WRISC, about her journey beginning with her student placement at WRISC to working in remote Aboriginal communities in outback Australia. You can read the full Annual Report [here](#)



WRISC IS MOVING!

From Monday December 19, WRISC will be located at our new premises. While our current premises have served us well, growth in demand for WRISC's services and a corresponding increase in staff numbers have necessitated a move to larger premises.

We are very excited to announce that our new premises are located centrally in the Ballarat CBD at:

205 Dana St, Ballarat, 3350

The central location, close to public transport and other services, will be of benefit to clients and staff alike.

Please note: The WRISC telephone and fax numbers will remain the same. Information on our new PO Box number will be made available as soon as it is known.



Welcome to new staff members and volunteers

WRISC is very pleased to welcome the following new staff members and volunteers to our team:

- Margy—Family Violence Outreach Program
- Rosina—Family Violence Outreach Program
- Tracy—Children's Program
- Marg—Project Officer and Volunteer Reception
- Angie—Volunteer Reception

The addition of these staff members and volunteers to the WRISC team will grow and enhance the ability of WRISC to provide the best possible service and support to women and children experiencing family violence in the Central Highlands region.

Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE)

WRISC is proud to be a member of the Communities of Respect and Equality (CoRE) Alliance. This week we had the opportunity to attend a Special CoRE event in Ballarat to celebrate the work of the Alliance and its achievements as part of the Victoria Against Violence initiative of the Victorian Government and the 16 Days of Activism campaign to end gender based violence 25 Nov- 10 Dec. We joined 100 others as we celebrated the significant milestone of achieving 50 members in the first 6 months – all committed to taking action to end violence against women and children in the Central Highlands/Grampians region.

Business Manager, Anita, was there to receive recognition on behalf of WRISC from Ms Sharon Knight MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Human Services. It was a great opportunity to meet other Alliance members and hear what they are doing and planning as part of their membership.

The CoRE Plan sets a vision for “A safe, equal and respectful society for everyone” and invites all organisations, businesses, clubs and networks in the region, who share this vision, to become members of the Alliance and start working collectively, with mutually reinforcing actions towards that vision.

To view the CoRE Plan and other resources visit [Women's Health Grampians website](#).



WRISC is recruiting!

WRISC Family Violence Support is seeking enthusiastic professionals with experience in intake and case management for 2 EFT 0.6 roles based in Bacchus Marsh. Please share with friends, colleagues and any others who may be interested in these positions.

Full details available on the [WRISC website](http://www.wrisc.org.au)

Intake Worker / Case Manager



- **Bacchus Marsh**
- **2 new positions**

WRISC Family Violence Support is seeking enthusiastic professionals with experience in intake and case management. These exciting 0.6 EFT roles covering the Moorabool Shire are based in Bacchus Marsh.

This is an opportunity to join our dynamic and committed organisation. Working in a small team you will be supporting women and children who have experienced family violence.

We are seeking energetic team members who are passionate and motivated to work in this sector. Salary sacrificing, employee wellbeing program and flexible work conditions are features of these positions.

Due to the nature of these roles it is a requirement that applicants be female (EEO exemption A75/2013)



Full details on our website: www.wrisc.org.au

**Applications close 5 pm Wednesday
7th December, 2016**



Thank you to Hop Temple

WRISC would like to say a big "thank you" to **Hop Temple** Ballarat for their wonderful support. During the month of September, WRISC was the beneficiary of proceeds from Thursday Night Bingo. A total of \$2,921.40 was raised - a fantastic effort!! We all had a lot of fun too - a special mention is warranted for Music Bingo.



Joining hands in the fight against family violence—and to say thank you

WRISC Executive Officer, Libby, and Communications Officer, Alison join hands with **Tessa Marshall** to say thank for her generous support. Tessa donated 20% of proceeds from her concert, "A Tribute to Female Singers Over the Past 90 Years", to WRISC as well as 100% of proceeds from the door raffle held on the night. A healthy \$404 was raised. Thank you again to Tessa, her family all her supporters for their generosity and support.



WRISC would also like to say thank you to the following people and organisations...

We deeply appreciate others valuing the work we do and showing their commitment to the issue of violence against women and children – it is most affirming and supportive.

- **Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club** for their donation of \$1250 raised at their Ladies' Night
- **St John Lutheran Ladies Fellowship** for their donation of \$500
- **Anglican Girls Friendly Society** for their donation of toiletry care packs
- **Sebastopol Topic Club** for their donation of games, children's items and other goods
- **Zonta Club of Ballarat** for their donation of \$564.



Facts about Family Violence

- Violence in family and intimate relationships is mostly committed by men against women
- Violence and abuse is about power and control. The person using the violence is seeking to control their partner or family member's behaviour or choices. Using violence is always a choice made by the person using violence.
- Violence and abuse of any form is unacceptable and a breach of human rights.

Are you a WRISC member?

- ♦ Would you like to become more involved in the work of WRISC?
- ♦ Would you like to contribute to WRISC in a more meaningful way?
- ♦ Do you have skills and expertise which you would like to share with WRISC and support women and children in your community?

WRISC is inviting Ordinary Members to express interest in joining Board facilitated working groups. From time to time these working groups are seeking short term and/or ongoing membership. Examples of working groups include:

- BIG (Big Ideas Group)
- Finance and Risk Working Group
- Marketing and Communications Working Group
- Disability Action Plan Working Group
- Multicultural Working Group
- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

If you would like to express interest, please contact Sandra on 5333 3666 or email sandrag@wrisc.org.au

(For enquiries about becoming a WRISC member, please contact Sandra as above.)

Thank you to all our donors/ sponsors

Kind and generous donations from organisations, private philanthropists and various grants enable us to continue to service the increasing number of requests for help. We sincerely thank our loyal and generous supporters.



Can you help?

If you would like to make a contribution, our bank details are:

BSB: 063-507 Acct: 10042491

Name: WRISC Family Violence Support

OR

Donate online via PayPal [here](#).

Donations of \$2 or more to WRISC Family Violence Support are tax deductible.

What do you think?

WRISC appreciates communication and feedback regarding the content of this newsletter. If you would like to make contact, please email the Communications Officer:

alisonc@wrisc.org.au



WRISC exists to change the lives of women and children affected by family violence. We promote safe homes, strong families and respectful relationships.

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