



In celebration of International Women's Day, WRISC Family Violence Support in  
partnership with Women's Health Grampians is excited to present

## HIDDEN FIGURES



This highly anticipated film brings to light the stories of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson — three Black women mathematicians who charted the course that launched Astronaut John Glenn into orbit during the Space Race in the 1950s. The film has now been nominated for 3 Oscars including Best Picture.

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 8

**WHERE:** Regent Cinemas Ballarat

**TIME:** 6:35pm

**Tickets \$15 each (cash only) available from:**

WRISC—205 Dana St, Ballarat Central

Women's Health Grampians—2 Drummond St S, Ballarat Central

*Save the date...*

*March 8*

*Lucky Door Prize!*

**WRISC** is honoured to be nominated as a beneficiary of the 'Rise Up' Project—a fundraiser for victims of domestic violence conceived by ceramic artist Ri Van Veen. Ri has been conducting a series of workshops since late November, which have now concluded. 130 people participated in the workshops creating more than 260 'Marching Women' sculptures. Each person makes two, one to keep and one to donate for sale at the 'Rise Up' Exhibition.

Please find full details of the exhibition below. WRISC will be at the Gala Opening on Saturday March 18, 2-4pm, to give a short talk on our work with women and children experiencing family violence, as well as providing an information table.



*Ri -Creations* presents the

# **'RISE UP'**

## **Exhibition**

at the

**B-Mac Gallery**  
**March 18 – April 2**

### **A Fund-Raiser to Support Victims of Domestic Violence**

The Exhibition includes Video, Poetry, Painting, Metal Cut Outs,  
Mixed Media, Photography and an installation of  
**135 'Marching Women' Clay Sculptures**

**GALA OPENING Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March,  
2-4pm** With **Guest Speakers** and **Art for Sale**

*where the **Proceeds** of Art Sold will be **Donated** to Support Victims of DV*

**Closing Celebrations Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2-4pm**

*Come **Celebrate** this Project and the **Funds** it has **Raised** to help support Victims of DV*

# WRISC Data Project—*The results are in*

*During 2016, WRISC worker Susie worked for 6 months on the project:*

**‘Data: it paints a thousand words. Digging deeper into women and children’s journey of family violence.’**

***WRISC would like to thank The Victorian Women’s Trust—the Con Irwin sub-fund for funding this project.***

The WRISC Data Project focused on shared care planning between agencies. WRISC is a strong supporter of shared care planning in order to best meet the needs of our clients.

The following groups for shared care planning were identified through the project:

- Women with complex presentations who require a number of services to meet their needs
- Women who are identified as high risk
- Women who live in areas that have reported high levels of family violence.

## **Positive Relationships**

Positive relationships between agencies increases the usage of shared care plans, and WRISC actively engages with other agencies to develop such relationships. A key enabler is an organisation or program having practice principles that support shared care planning.

## **Better Outcomes for Clients**

- Support periods decrease for clients who have a shared care plan in place.
- Clients have an improved understanding of the support that is available. This leads to empowerment and the ability to seek out support when needed in the future.

***Congratulations to Susie for producing this excellent document which will contribute towards better outcomes for women and children experiencing family violence in the Central Highlands region.***



## **Did you know WRISC is a registered charity?**

WRISC has approval to use the ACNC Tick of Charity Registration (the Registered Charity Tick). The tick aims to give reassurance to the public that the charity is transparent and accountable by highlighting its presence on the ACNC Charity Register.

You can make a donation to WRISC to support our work with women and children experiencing family violence in the Central Highlands Region of Victoria on our website: <http://wrisc.org.au/donate.php>





## *Welcome to new staff*

WRISC would like to welcome new staff member, Lynne, to our team. Based in Bacchus Marsh, Lynne will be working in Intake and Case Management as part of the Family Violence Outreach Program Team. She will also be offering Court Support at the Bacchus Marsh Court.

It is exciting that we are now able to have a full time worker based in Bacchus Marsh to offer local support to women and children experiencing family violence.

## *Work begins on new children's spaces*

After moving and settling into our new premises, WRISC is very excited to announce that work has begun on the new children's spaces:

- ◇ The *Family Therapy Room* is up and running. New furniture, including comfy couches and cushions, has been purchased to make this room a calm and welcoming space.
- ◇ An out building at our new premises is in the process of being converted into a child-friendly *Play Space*.

These 2 spaces will be utilised by the workers in the WRISC Children's Program to support and work with children whose lives have been affected by family violence, both currently and in the past.



### **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](mailto: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:

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*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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