

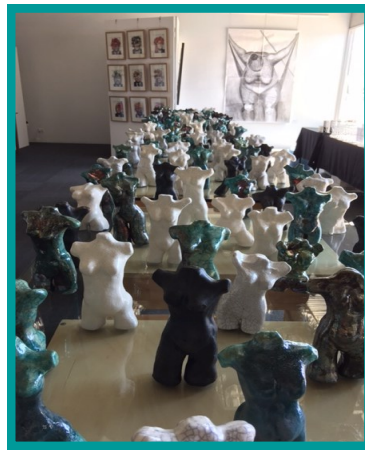
‘RISE UP’ Exhibition

On Saturday March 18, WRISC was honoured to attend the Gala Opening of the 'Rise Up' Exhibition at the B-Mac Gallery, Bacchus Marsh. 130 people participated in workshops run by artist Ri Van Veen to produce 2 "marching women" sculptures each - one to keep and one to be sold. Proceeds from the sales are being donated to the Children's Program at WRISC.

WRISC Play Therapist and Children's Counsellor, Sally, gave an informative and passionate speech about the important work WRISC does supporting children who live in families where family violence has occurred. This work gives these often silent victims a voice and a means of working through what has happened to get to a better place.

Our sincerest thanks go to artist Ri Van Veen of Ri-Creations www.ri-creations.com and Bendigo Community Bank for their sponsorship of this project.

The exhibition runs until Sunday April 2. A closing ceremony will take place on this day from 2-4pm.



Marching Women—showing strength as individuals and as a group



NILS Loans now available at WRISC

WRISC is excited to announce the recommencement of the NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme) for women in the Central Highlands region who have experienced family violence. Please see the poster below for eligibility and contact details:

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NILS
No Interest Loan Scheme
Good Shepherd Microfinance

Information for women on
how to obtain a loan for essential
household goods and services.

WRISC Family Violence Support is now offering women who have experienced family violence access to NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme).

What is NILS? The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) provides women on low incomes access to safe, fair and affordable loans for up to \$1,200.

Are you eligible? Any woman who has a health care or pension card, is living in the Central Highlands and has experienced domestic/family violence in the past twelve months may be eligible.

What are the loans for? Loans are generally available for the purchase of essential goods and services. These may include:

- Household items like fridges, washing machines, stoves, freezers and some furniture
- Some medical and dental services
- Educational essentials such as computers, course fees and text books
- Some other items as requested

Please ring Alison at WRISC on 5333 3666 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"Hidden Figures" Film Night - Once again WRISC and Women's Health Grampians were able to join together to acknowledge International Women's Day while at the same time raising funds to support WRISC's work supporting women and children experiencing family violence in the Central Highlands region.

The photo is of Libby, EO WRISC, and Marianne, CEO Women's Health Grampians, introducing the event.

A big thank you to the Regent Cinemas, Ballarat all our colleagues and friends who joined with us to support WRISC's work.



Display in new foyer of Ballarat Base Hospital

Also as part of International Women's Day celebrations, WRISC was invited to be part of a display in the brand new entry foyer of the Ballarat Base Hospital. The display was organised by Ballarat Health Services Project Coordinator, Anna Grimes, who is implementing the state's Strengthening Hospital Responses for Family Violence Program.

WRISC Executive Officer, Libby can be seen speaking to Channel 9 about fostering a collaborative approach to family violence between agencies and organisations in our 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 extend a big welcome to our new staff members Darcie and Mandy.

Darcy will be working in Intake/Case Management in the Aboriginal Program. The Aboriginal Program provides a holistic approach to supporting their clients, intensive case management and Family Violence Court support. The program also runs the Aboriginal Girls' Group.

Mandy joins the Family Violence Outreach Program and will be working in Intake/Case Management. The Family Violence Outreach Program provides outreach and case management, Family Violence Court support for clients and shared care planning support in collaboration with many other services.

The Safe and Together Model— Workshop by David Mandel

On February 15, 2017, 4 workers from WRISC attended the Working With Domestic Violence—Safe and Together Workshop run by world renowned domestic violence advocate, David Mandel.

The Safe and Together Model is a perpetrator, pattern based, child centred, survivor strengths approach to working with domestic violence.

The focus is switched from the behaviour of the survivor to where it belongs—with the perpetrator of the violence. This change of focus aims to lead to more successful *intervening* with domestic violence perpetrators, and *partnering* with domestic violence survivors around the safety and welfare of children.

The Safe and Together model is aligned with many of the current reforms being developed by peak bodies in the Family Violence and Prevention of Violence Against Women sectors at both a state and national level.



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.

Have you thought about volunteering at WRISC?

- ♦ 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 currently recruiting enthusiastic and committed female* volunteers to fill the:

Reception/Administration role

- 1pm—5pm shifts available
- Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook essential
- Reception experience welcomed
- Working With Children Check (WWCC) required
- *WRISC is looking for volunteers who are able to commit on a medium to long term basis*

For further information please contact Sandra on 5333 3666 Monday—Thursday.

*Equal Opportunity Act (2010) Exemption A75/2013

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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