

'Van Go Moorabool' - Official Launch

'Van Go Moorabool' was officially launched on Tuesday 26 June at the Darley Early Years Hub, Bacchus Marsh.

Representatives from local agencies, community organisations and other interested groups were there to witness this exciting and happy occasion. Special thanks to Cr Paul Tatchell from Moorabool Shire for his insightful and heartfelt opening speech. It was inspiring to see the community support and enthusiasm for this innovative project, which will bring Art Therapy services to the children of the Bacchus Marsh area who have experienced family violence.

Mr John Spain from Bendigo Bank also presented WRISC EO, Libby Jewson, with a cheque for \$5,533.00 raised during the Rise Up Exhibition held by artist Ri Van Veen at the B-MAC Gallery, Bacchus Marsh. Many thanks to Bendigo Bank who supported this event. Money raised will go towards purchasing supplies and art materials for the Van Go van, (see page 2).



Top Left: Cr Paul Tatchell delivers the opening speech at the official launch of 'Van Go Moorabool'

Top Right: Happy faces after the official launch

Bottom Left: Mr John Spain from Bendigo Bank presents WRISC EO, Libby Jewson, with the cheque for \$5,533.00.

Van Go Moorabool Van Shell Delivered

The van shell for Van Go Moorabool has been delivered and is ready for fit out and painting. It will be exciting to see it take shape and transform into a child friendly Art Therapy space. We are told that the walls of the van will be a special surface which can be used as a canvas and then wiped clean!



The van has been delivered and waits to be transformed from its current bland state into an innovative, state of the art , transportable Art Therapy space for children. We are told it is HUGE!

Rise Up Exhibition Proceeds Donated to Van Go Moorabool

A highlight of the Van Go Launch was the presentation by Mr John Spain to WRISC EO, Libby Jewson of a cheque for \$5,533.00 raised during the Rise Up Exhibition held by artist Ri Van Veen at the B-MAC Gallery, Bacchus Marsh. Many thanks to Bendigo Bank who supported this event. Money raised will go towards purchasing supplies and art materials for the Van Go van.



Marching Women sculptures at the Rise Up Exhibition held at the B-MAC Gallery in Bacchus Marsh in March, 2017



Presentation to WRISC by Mr John Spain of the proceeds raised at the Rise Up Exhibition



Join The Dots Family Violence Forum

Hosted by the Central Highlands Integrated Family Violence Committee

On Thursday June 29, 2017, representatives from across the Central Highlands region attended the Join the Dots Family Violence Forum. Thank you to Katherine Gillespie, CEO, Central Highlands Primary Care Partnership for acting as MC for this event. Speakers included: Libby Jewson, EO, WRISC who spoke about the story so far; Fiona McCormack, CEO, Domestic Violence Victoria who spoke about the value of collaboration and partnerships in responding to family violence; and Dee Micevski, Health Promotion Officer, Women's Health Grampians, who spoke about, "What does a Community of Practice (COP) look like?"

The talks were followed by an extremely valuable facilitated session which involved all attendees in the exploration of COPs as they apply to the Central Highlands Region.



Fiona McCormack, CEO Domestic Violence Victoria



Libby Jewson, EO WRISC



Dee Micevski, Health Promotions Officer, Women's Health Grampians

NILS Loans now available at WRISC

WRISC is the contact agency for 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 (NILSP) 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.

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

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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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