



WRISC celebrates 30 years!

Join in the celebrations at the WRISC Annual General Meeting to be held on
Thursday November 15—Full details below.



The Board of WRISC Family Violence Support Inc. are pleased to invite you to join us for our Annual General Meeting.

Join us as we share and celebrate some of the achievements and highlights from the past year and the past 30 years, 1988 to 2018.

When: Thursday November 15, 2018

Time: 5:45pm – 7pm

Venue: City of Ballarat Town Hall (Trench Room), Sturt St, Ballarat
(you can enter from the front or the back of the Town Hall but to use the lifts are located through the back doors.)

Guest speakers:
Guest speakers will include past leaders Cora Wierenga and Lynden Baxter, reminiscing about their experiences, insights, highlights and challenges they faced. The current Executive Officer, Libby Jewson will also share some reflections.

Light refreshments and finger food will be served.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements.

RSVP to:
Sandra : 53 333 666 or email: sandrag@wrisc.org.au
by Friday, 9th November, 2018

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How far we've come in 30 years—a short history of WRISC

- ⇒ WRISC began operation in **1988** at 22 East St Ballarat, managed by the Central Highlands Women's Collective (CHWC).
- ⇒ In **1990**, WRISC became the only “women's only” space in Ballarat.
- ⇒ Due to growth, WRISC moved to 119 Lyons St North in **1993**
- ⇒ WRISC expanded opening hours in **1995** to 9am—5:30pm Tuesday to Friday.
- ⇒ In **1997**, WRISC began opening 5 days per week, and commenced Outreach to the Shires of Hepburn, Moorabool, Pyrenees and Golden Plains.
- ⇒ In **1999**, the first Children's Worker commenced at WRISC.
- ⇒ In **2003**, the first worker was employed for the newly funded Indigenous Program.
- ⇒ **2007** saw the decision made to have a Board of Governance that would control and manage the affairs of the CHWC.
- ⇒ Continued expansion saw the purchase and refurbishment 125 Eureka St, with relocation occurring in January **2011**.
- ⇒ **2011** also saw the establishment of the Volunteer Program for Reception/Administration.
- ⇒ The Royal Commission into Family Violence conducted in **2016** by the Victorian Government brought about the pledge to implement in full the 277 recommendations and the release of the 10 year plan—“Ending Family Violence Victoria's Plan for Change”. This has brought about significant change in the Family Violence sector, in terms of funding levels, service provision for those affected by family violence and the need for perpetrator accountability.
- ⇒ Increased demand for WRISC's services and a corresponding increase in staff numbers brought about our relocation in December **2016** to larger premises based at 205 Dana St in the central business area of Ballarat.
- ⇒ January **2017** saw a full time worker located in Bacchus Marsh.
- ⇒ May **2017**—The Van Go Moorabool Pilot Project submission is successful. Van Go is a new experimental model with mobile therapy vans taking services to children affected by family violence.
- ⇒ January **2018**—Van Go secures a further year's funding and in October 2018 is nominated as a finalist in the Victorian Early Years Awards, Category 4: Promoting Children's Health and Well-being Award.

Now and looking to the future

- ⇒ **2018**—It is announced that the Ballarat/Central Highlands Region is next in line for the establishment of a support and safety hub called “The Orange Door”.
- ⇒ Working in partnership with other service providers and agencies is a major focus.
- ⇒ WRISC is actively represented on Family Violence Committees and Peak Bodies at the regional and state level.
- ⇒ **Strategic Plan 2019-2022**—A new Strategic Plan has been collaboratively developed and includes the 5 pillars of Client Voice, Governance & Sustainability, Stakeholder Collaboration, Workforce and Service Offering.
Our Vision: Safety, equality and opportunity for all people **Our Mission:** To promote respectful relationships through services which enhance the safety, autonomy and wellbeing of women and children **Our Values:** The organisation works from a feminist perspective and values Innovation, Integrity, Respect and Trust.

Please find the full Strategic Plan document [here](#).

AGM - 30 Year Celebration Raffle

To raise funds to support women and children in our own community who have experienced family violence, WRISC is raffling two beautiful quilts that have been donated for this purpose. One is an adult quilt and one is a child's quilt. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased from Reception, 205 Dana St , Ballarat, or on the night at the AGM. The draw will take place at the AGM to be held from 5:45 - 7:00pm on Thursday November 15, in the Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall.

Beautiful Children's Quilt Raffle

Provided by: Anonymous Donation
Measures: 128cm wide x 112cm long
Price: \$2 each or 3 for \$5



Beautiful Adult Quilt Raffle

Provided by: Jessie from Uniting Threads
Measures: 142cm wide x 142cm long
Price: \$2 each or 3 for \$5



Van Go Pilot Project nominated as finalist in the Victorian Early Years Awards

WRISC is proud to announce that the Van Go Moorabool Pilot Project was nominated as a finalist in the Victorian Early Years Awards, Category 4: Promoting Children's Health and Well-being Award, announced on October 23. Congratulations to all who have been involved in the Van Go Moorabool Pilot Project, right back from when it was a hopeful vision, to its actual realisation today.


****Please note that for safety reasons, the photo is modelled by a child actor, and the child is not a client of WRISC.****



NILS Loans 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. *Please note: the upper limit for NILS Family Violence related loans has now been increased to \$2,000 (subject to assessment of client's financial capacity).*

THE
**NO
INTEREST
LOAN**




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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 \$2,000.

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

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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