



Yarriambiack

SHIRE COUNCIL

Leadership Statement

Prevention of Violence against Women

Yarriambiack Shire Council is committed to the prevention of violence against women. Our focus on this issue aligns with, and supports the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) in its commitment to work for the prevention of violence against women.

Our Vision

Our vision for the Yarriambiack Shire is safe, respectful and equitable communities where women and children live free from violence and abuse.

Our Commitment

Yarriambiack Shire Council encourages all community members to endorse Council's action and to say 'no' to violence against women in all forms including physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, discriminative, financial and psychological abuse.

Yarriambiack Shire Council also recognises the important and critical role that the everyday, equitable treatment of women plays in changing the culture that contributes to violence against women.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will take the following actions to provide leadership in our community to prevent the occurrence of violence and abuse against women and promote respectful relationships.

1. Advocate:

To all levels of government for resources and programs that promote a whole of community approach to the prevention of violence against women and promote healthy, equal and respectful relationships between men, women and children.

For resources and services within our Shire to support women and children who are experiencing violence.

For resources and services within our shire for men who use violence to address their behaviour and contribute to the safety of women and children.

2. Build Capacity:

Within the Yarriambiack Shire Council to ensure all staff understand the issue and contribute to prevent violence against women. We will promote positive role models for men and women and strive for gender equality in the workplace.

3. Promote the Role of Local Government:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will work with Local Government in North West Victoria to promote best practice in the prevention of violence against women at all levels.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will encourage Local Government in North West Victoria to champion the whole of community approach to raising awareness for promotion of respectful relationships and gender equity practices.

4. Supporting Local Business:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will encourage local business owners as leaders in our community to speak up and say no to violence against women.

Support workplaces to adopt best practice initiatives to ensure women and men are equally represented, valued and rewarded within the workplace.

5. Informing our Community:

Yarriambiack Shire Council will assist in educating the community about the importance of making a stand and not accepting violence against women in their community or town by challenging sexism, discrimination and violence.

Yarriambiack Shire Council will also encourage our community not to accept violence towards them and to speak out against violence with assistance from support agencies.

Mayor

Date / /

Chief Executive Officer