

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GLEN EIRA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN 2017–2018



A new *Family Violence Prevention and Support Policy* was developed for Council's work in the community, that was endorsed by Council.



Young people experiencing family or relationship issues were supported with information and referral, through the Glen Eira Youth Information Centre.



Council's *Community Grants* helped strengthen family violence prevention work through funding projects initiated by Griefline, Women's Health in the South East and the South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault.



The Family Violence Support fact sheet was reviewed and updated and made available to the community in English, Hindi and Chinese in Council's Service Centre, Libraries, Maternal and Child Health Centres and online.



Commemorated women's achievements through:

- celebrating *International Women's Day* with a community event; and
- hosting a women's health forum.



Developed a flyer on healthy relationships which was inserted into each child health record for families connected to Council's Maternal and Child Health Service.



Raised awareness of elder abuse during *Elder Abuse Awareness Week*, hosting in partnership events for service providers and for the wider community, lighting the Town Hall in purple, and disseminating messages through Council's communication channels.



Implemented initiatives to support Council employees, including developing a *Diversity Strategy* with a commitment to gender equality and making provision for family violence leave in Council's *Enterprise Bargaining Agreement*.



Delivered a suite of family violence training, including family violence and gender equity e-learning module, family violence training for frontline staff and bystander training to Council staff, to assist staff with recognising family violence and taking appropriate action.



Convened a Council-wide Family Violence Champions Group to integrate and co-ordinate Council's family violence prevention efforts through a range of activities.



Continued participation in a range of service provider partnerships, including the Southern Melbourne Primary Care Partnership Family Violence Working Group and the Women's Health in the *South East Regional Strategy Community of Practice*.



Undertook advocacy through both our administrative and elected leadership team, to promote family violence prevention and gender equity. This advocacy was supported through research and data to improve our knowledge of family violence.



Implemented a range of activities to mark the **16 Days of Activism** and **White Ribbon campaign**. This included a community screening of *Call Me Dad* accompanied by a facilitated expert panel conversation; partnering with cafes across the City to distribute message-marked coffee cups, displaying gender equity books in Council libraries; holding an event for staff to hear from a family violence survivor advocate and disseminating messages at Town Hall and through Council's communication channels, that build on Council's messaging campaign denouncing family violence in the community.