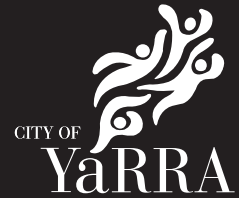


Family Violence Organisational Statement



1. The City of Yarra pledges its commitment to a future where all members of the community are protected from family violence. We understand that family violence is a significant health and human rights issue and results in major health, social and economic consequences.
2. The City of Yarra acknowledges that family violence can affect anyone, regardless of a person's gender, sexual orientation, biological sex characteristics, age, occupation, cultural background or economic status. It can occur in all kinds of families and family-like relationships. We recognise the wide ranging and damaging impact that it has on the lives of individuals, families, and the community as a whole.
3. The City of Yarra recognises the role of power and inequity in Family Violence, and the strong link with Violence Against Women.
4. The City of Yarra is committed to addressing family violence through a whole of community approach. We are working towards a community where relationships between all members of the community are respectful, and promote the right to live free from family violence. This includes:
 - (a) advocating for a strong, coordinated response for those affected by family violence;
 - (b) increasing awareness of family violence as a key social and health issue;
 - (c) working in partnership with key networks and organisations involved in building respectful communities and reducing family violence;
 - (d) promoting an understanding of the link between gender inequity and family violence;
 - (e) upholding principles of gender equity in mainstream council operations, strategies, policies and service delivery;
 - (f) recognising the link between family violence and homelessness and advocating for sustainable housing solutions for those affected by family violence; and
 - (g) ensuring that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate equally in all areas of public and private life without fear or discrimination.
5. The City of Yarra is committed to building a culture where violence against any person is unacceptable, and where all relationships are gender equitable, respectful and non-discriminatory