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NEWS AND INFORMATION LINKS UPDATE

November 2011

Welcome the No To Violence / Men's Referral Service *News Links Update*. See below for a list of links to information, stories, articles, analysis and commentary about family violence issues published in the Australian and overseas media across the month.

Peter Londesborough

No To Violence and the Men's Referral Service Management Committee, staff, volunteers and members were saddened to learn of the sudden death of MRS After-Hours Service Co-ordinator Peter Londesborough in October. Peter is remembered as a gentle, insightful and committed person, who ensured an inclusiveness for all the people around him. In his men's behaviour change work, he was noted for his practical approach to the work, his calm and logic in relation to basic principles of safety and accountability, and his appreciation of invitational ways in which to work with men. Peter is sadly missed.

References, literature and policy

Safer Research October 2011

The PhD project: Consequences and Accountability for Men who Use Violence, involves longitudinal research with men who are participating in men's behaviour change programs (MBCP) and, where possible, their (ex) partners. [Email](#) Kristin Diemer for more information.

[Australian Law Reform Commission: Family violence & Commonwealth laws inquiry](#)

A total of over 160 [submissions](#) were made to the Inquiry. The public submissions are published on the ALRC website.

[Conventional and innovative justice responses to sexual violence](#)

Despite 30 years of significant change to the way the criminal justice system responds to sexual violence, conviction rates have gone down in Australia, Canada, and England and Wales. (AIFS)

[A Systematic Review of Parenting Interventions to Prevent Child Abuse](#)

Interventions to Strengthen Biological or Social Parenting and the Home Setting to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children and to Influence the Gender Socialisation of Boys. Read the [full review](#) and the briefing paper [Modifying Gender Role Stereotypes in Children](#).

[Prevention of Rape Perpetration for Boys and Young Men](#)

Undertaken by Promundo Brazil this study will complement and build on its on-going research, program and advocacy experience in promoting the engagement of men and boys in gender equality in Brazil and also internationally.

Conferences, Workshops and Events

[International Human Rights Day Oration - Bernard Salt](#)

Human rights – the big picture: how will demographic change shape our community, and what have human rights got to do with it? Tuesday 13 December 13, 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm, followed by a light lunch at Zinc @ Federation Square. Presented by the Victorian Equal opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

[Women's Honour Roll nominations](#)

Nominations for the 2012 Victorian Honour Roll of Women to honour remarkable women in the community are now open. New inductees will be announced during International Women's Day celebrations in March 2012. The Vic. Department of Human Services has more [information and application forms](#).

[Stop Violence Against Women Film Festival](#)

Organised by Amnesty International's Victorian Women's team to raise awareness of local and international

violence against women. November 26 - 27 weekend at the Cinema Nova, part of the [16 Days of Activism](#). [Find out more](#).

[Preventing sexual assault: The question of gender](#)

Australian Institute of Family Studies panel discussion, Thursday November 17, 10.00 - 11.15 am in the Seminar room, Level 20, 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. Panellists include Dr Antonia Quadara, Danny Blay and Renee Imbesi. [More information](#) or [RSVP](#).

[National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children: toolkit rural women](#)

The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC), with others, is developing a toolkit to support women in their local communities to implement the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children. [Help out by completing this online survey](#).

[Not 1 More - White Ribbon Day](#)

November 25 events in the CBD: WR lunch, walk and concert. [Find out more](#).

Campaigns

Stepping Out in December

Women's Health East invites you to attend a community event to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children. "Stepping Out... to End Violence Against Women", Thursday December 1, 9.30 am - 11.30 am Lilydale Lake 435 Swansea Road Lilydale. Call 8873 3700 or [book online](#). Please register by Friday November 18.

Opportunities

[Family violence Group Facilitator](#)

Relationships Australia Boronia is looking for a (male) qualified FV group facilitator to help facilitate a Men's Behaviour Change group in Ringwood. The position is a permanent part time position working Tuesdays from 12.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Applications close on the November 11, with interviews on Tuesday November 15 in Boronia. [More information](#).

Project Worker/Researcher (0.8 EFT flexible)

Peninsula Health's two year project to better understand and improve the legal and criminal justice response to adolescent violence in the home is looking for a Project Worker / Researcher. The position is based in Frankston with some flexibility to work from Victorian Legal Aid (Melbourne). [Email](#) Jo Howard for a Position Description. Applications close November 15.

[Aboriginal Men's Family Violence Worker](#)

The position is based in the Latrobe Valley; there will also be a close working relationship with the Koorie Family Violence Worker who based in Bairnsdale. [More information](#).

Parent Child Practitioner:

Northern Family and Domestic Violence Service Eaglemont Office. The role is to provide a range of supportive interventions to parents, children and adolescents who have experienced family violence. Further information, from Felicity Rorke, Senior Manager (03) 9450 4700. Email [applications](#) by cob November 18.

Australian news, features and comment

[Troll-attack campaign goes viral](#)

A campaign to highlight the abusive misogyny of anonymous posters online has gone viral on Twitter.

[Diva backs off](#)

After a month of pressure, Diva has backed down and stopped promoting the Playboy brand. [A change.org online campaign petition](#) got more than 5,000 signatures asking for the products' removal and appears to have hit home.

[2012 EVAs Media Awards](#)

Entries for the 2012 EVAs are now open for media produced by journalists/media outlets for a Victoria-inclusive audience between January 1 and December 31, 2011.

[Facing the terror of family violence](#)

The Peninsula Community Legal Centre, and partner agencies in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Family Violence Network, were at the stall at Frankston's Bayside shopping centre to distribute brochures

and answer questions. "Violence against women is one of the most pervasive human rights violations in the world..."

[Into the light](#)

The 2006 census showed that 12,133 children were out of home, while in 2009 -10, more than 84,000 children used a homeless service - usually escaping domestic violence. Lighthouse Foundation CEO Kane Bowden talks with Michael Short.

[Unilever complains that Collective Shout encouraged complaints](#)

The Advertising Standards Board have upheld complaints against Lynx's sexist 'Rules of Rugby' advertisement.

[K Rudd Launches *Because I am a Girl* Report](#)

Girls around the world are fighting a losing battle for gender equality unless boys join the cause, says a major global report from Plan, launched in Australia this week (November 4) by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kevin Rudd.

[Flawed system harming a new generation of forgotten children](#)

Family preservation is also the reason the \$1.7 billion out-of-home care system is increasingly costly and overwhelmed by demand.

[New Qld DV laws](#)

Police called to domestic violence incidents will have the power to issue on-the-spot protection notices under new Queensland laws. Police also will be obliged to investigate any suspected domestic violence, and if they take no action, they will have to record their reasons.

[Facebook refuses to shut rape page run by schoolboy](#)

As the victim of a sexual assault, American MJ Stephens was horrified when she encountered the contents of a Facebook page full of jokes about rape and violence towards women ... with comments mostly from teenagers and young adults from Australia and Britain.

[NSW PC advice to women](#) - and the [reaction](#)

Young women planning a night out should tell their friends if they plan to have sex to avoid unwanted and potentially dangerous drunken encounters, the NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione, has warned.

[Stop blaming women for being raped](#): the anti-rape pact we really need.

[NSW Police Assistant Commissioner points finger at feminism](#)

NSW family violence offender program is achieving results but concern remains about senior police comments.

[Hopelessness at epidemic proportions](#)

The health and welfare consequences of fly-in, fly-out workers and their families were just beginning to appear, with increases in family breakdown and family violence.

[Week Without Violence Clothesline Project](#)

Break the Silence: The North Says No to Family Violence

[Tony Abbott and that porn calendar](#)

Not 'oops' or tacky but discrimination.

International news and features

[The Pacific: Human rights progress](#)

Palau, Samoa and the Solomon Islands make significant commitments to make progress on human rights at the UN Human Rights Council.

[The Solomons: The forgotten women of war and peace](#)

The disconnect between rhetoric and action is clear when we look at AusAID's policies, which failed to engage women in the Solomon Islands peace process.

[NZ: White Ribbon Campaign launches with a new Ambassador](#)

David White is the new NZ White Ribbon Ambassador; his daughter, Helen Meads, was killed by her husband in their Matamata family home in September 2009.

[UK: Government considers 'right to know' on domestic abuse](#)

People could be given the power to find out from the police if a new partner has a history of domestic violence under new government proposals. Another idea up for consultation would give police a duty to warn someone whose partner could be dangerous.

[Study links soft drink to violence](#)

New research published in the medical journal Injury Prevention suggests a link between high soft drink consumption in teens and aggressive behaviour.

[USA: Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation](#)

"Now, Therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month..."

[USA: Topeka Kansas considers decriminalising domestic violence](#)

Cities facing budget cuts and lost revenue are turning to many different cost-cutting measures, but this is perhaps the most extreme.

[Iceland: The best country for women?](#)

An openly lesbian PM, affordable childcare and a formidable women's movement – Iceland may just be a feminist paradise.

[Domestic violence among middle classes grows](#)

Middle class women are increasingly falling victim to domestic abuse as economic strains bring violence into professional households say experts.

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