

[View this email in your browser](#)

ntv  
THIRTY  
YEARS  
STRONG

# 30 No to Violence

Leading the change to end male family violence in Australia



## July Members' Newsletter

July 2024

Dear valued NTV member

Where has this year gone? It's hard to believe how quickly time flies when you're deeply engaged in meaningful and important work. As we reflect on the month gone by, I'm excited to share with you the progress and impact we've made at NTV.

At the Commonwealth level, I recently met with Hayley Foster - Director of Family Violence and Indigenous Programs at Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA), we discussed the pivotal role of sector engagement in our efforts in improving court responsiveness to family violence. NTV are impressed by the Chief Justice's commitment to actively engage with the sector and his dedication to advancing a safer and more effective court experience.



We can also announce that the Chief Justice will be presenting at our national conference in less than two months, so please [register now](#). We also had a meaningful conversation on key policy initiatives with Zoe Daniel, the independent Federal MP for Goldstein, who is advancing a range of key issues federally.

Working across Australia, this month I met with Jodie Harrison, NSW Minister for the Prevention

the State budget. We also discussed the development of a NSW Strategy for People who use Violence along with the \$5 million funding for research and translating evidence into practice to support a broader suite of interventions. I also attended the Legal AID NSW women domestic violence advocacy annual forum in Sydney, where we gathered with 300-400 dedicated frontline staff. I had the honor of participating in a panel discussion with Ivan Clark and Stephen Walton, where we explored innovative approaches to engaging men in behavior change. At a recent bi-monthly meeting of the NSW Men's Behaviour Change Network, I had the opportunity to report on NTV's advocacy successes on behalf of the sector in NSW as well as the broader NSW budget package bail reforms. We met with Fullstop Australia, a prominent service and advocate on sexual violence issues, opening doors for further collaborative efforts and future projects aimed at tackling this critical issue together.

In South Australia, our Head of Policy and Research, Dr Rebecca Buys has been working closely with NTV members and Embolden (the South Australian peak for their domestic, family and sexual violence sector) to prepare to engage with Royal Commission.

In Victoria, I had a productive discussion with the Victorian Shadow Minister Cindy McLeish, where we briefed her on our ongoing work, recognising her involvement in the parliamentary committee focused on reviewing family perpetrator data. We are also actively collaborating with Victorian Police Command to address misidentification issues concerning predominant aggressors, as part of our ongoing efforts to improve police practices and ensure effective responses to violence in our communities.

We facilitated a Ministerial Roundtable for Victoria's Rolling Action Plan. Together, our members powerfully communicated a clear message to Government on innovations and changes needed to engage men in behaviour change. It was heartening to see the Minister for Family Violence Prevention Vicki Ward, and the newly appointed parliamentary secretary Tim Richardson and our Victorian members passionately discuss their priorities for the next three years, reinforcing our collective commitment to ending family violence.

In advancing improved responses within the criminal justice system, we also met with the Victorian Independent Broad Based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) and provided input based on member consultation to IBAC's investigation of issues around police who use family violence and the need for improved responses. My discussions with Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO) about supporting men's transition from prison back into community reminded me of the profound need and the impact of our collaborative efforts in changing lives for the better.

Looking ahead to the remainder of 2024, it is a good opportunity to take stock of the truly important work our sector does to work with men on their journey to change. I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our entire sector, especially you, our members, and I look forward to continuing our fruitful discussions and collaborations.

## News

Recently, we launched the 'Evidence Echo', a research database available to NTV members via the Members' Portal. Designed to streamline access to key emerging research for NTV's members, the Evidence Echo compiles the latest studies on family, domestic and sexual violence, perpetrator interventions and related topics in a downloadable database. A member of our team is available to provide a tour of this resource to you and your team. Get in touch with [lucyt@ntv.org.au](mailto:lucyt@ntv.org.au) to book.

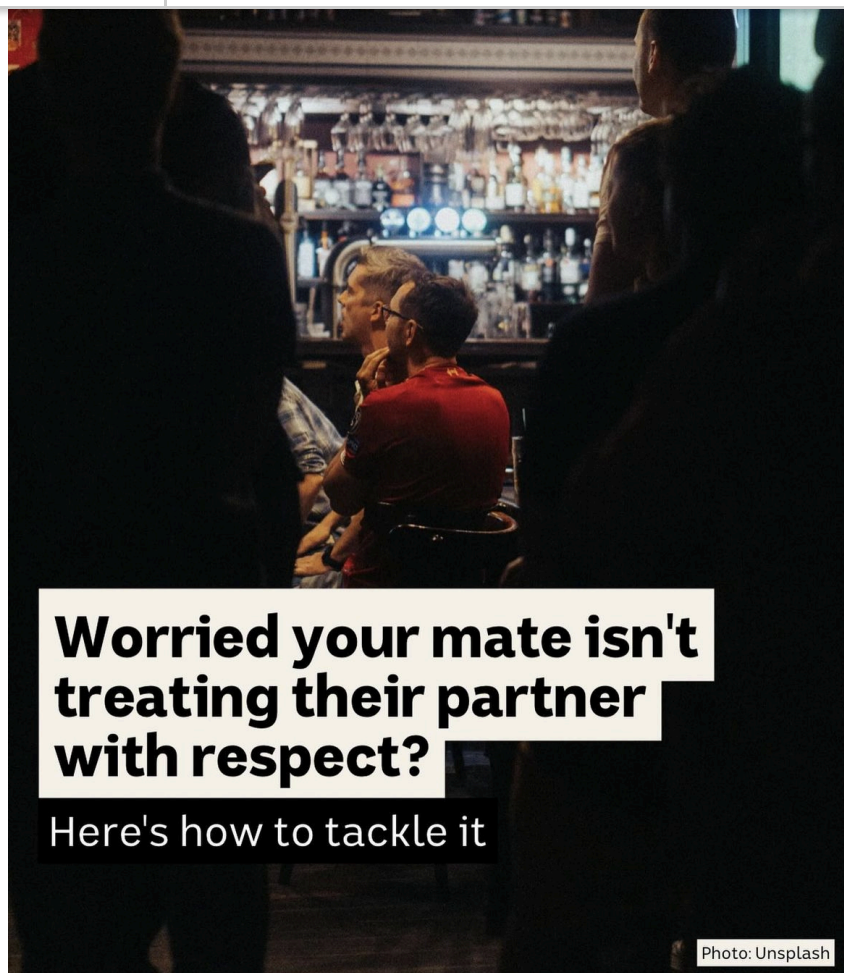
## NTV in the media

In June, NTV actively engaged with traditional media to spotlight critical issues and advancements in the fight against family violence.

NTV welcomed a significant funding boost for Men's Behaviour Change Programs in NSW's State Budget. This funding is crucial for enhancing victim-survivor safety and addressing the root causes of family violence. [Read more.](#)

In an interview with AAP, Phillip discussed a disturbing report from the NSW Crime Commission, which revealed that domestic and family violence offenders are increasingly using tracking devices to harass and intimidate their victims. Offenders are purchasing multiple devices to monitor their targets' movements. [Learn more.](#)

Phillip also provided extensive insights for an ABC online article on how to respond if you suspect someone you know is exhibiting violent, abusive, or controlling behaviours in their relationships. This article offers practical advice on addressing these challenging situations. [Read the full article.](#)



## Policy and Research Updates

### **Responding to the New South Wales 2024-2025 Budget**

In last month's budget, NTV welcomed an additional \$10 million over four years allocated for Men's Behaviour Change Programs, increasing existing funding by 30%. We also welcomed \$5 million over four years for research to build understanding of who uses domestic and family violence, and what works best to change their behaviour.

In case you missed it, click below read the full member statement.

[Download member statement](#)

### **Submission to the inquiry into capturing data on family violence perpetrators in Victoria**

The Victorian Legislative Assembly's Legal and Social Issues Committee are currently holding an inquiry on capturing data on family violence perpetrators. We have consulted widely in developing

Matters, Thorne Harbour Health, Gateway Health and Family Life.

The recommendations we put forward in this submission shine light on the nuance needed to build a deeper understanding of data complexities without doing additional harm to victim-survivors and marginalised communities. We highlighted the need for increased access to the Central Information Point, issues with racial profiling and data bias, the need for an Outcome Measurement Framework, and more.

[Read more here](#)

### **Submission to Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry: Justice Responses to Sexual Violence**

Our advocacy on justice responses to sexual violence is focused on this type of violence in the context of domestic and family violence. In this submission, we argue that instituting an affirmative consent standard will go part of the way to address the impact of myths about sexual violence on the criminal justice system – from the barriers presented to reporting sexual violence, through to the availability of interventions for people using domestic and family violence, inclusive of sexual violence.

[Find out more](#)

### **Member Survey: Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility**

We are currently developing the next part of NTV's positioning on domestic and family violence responses to children and young people. This survey will be used to inform NTV's advocacy on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility and broader responses to children and young people.

Your perspectives and experiences working with families are crucial in our advocacy to improve government policies and legislation regarding children and young people in the context of family violence.

The survey is now open! Click below to participate; it only takes 15-20 minutes. The survey will remain open until COB Wednesday, July 17.

[Take survey](#)

sexual violence Embolden prepare for the state's Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

Our Head of Policy and Research, Rebecca Buys, has assisted Embolden with its first round of workshops with members across the state, focusing on the Royal Commission. Rebecca has been providing valuable insights into the Royal Commission's processes and effective strategies for engagement.

[Read more](#)

### **Facilitating a Victorian Ministerial Roundtable on Strong Foundations**

At the start of June, we worked with Victorian Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Vicki Ward, to facilitate a sector roundtable discussion on the Victorian Strong Foundations Third Rolling Action Plan. The newly appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Men's Behaviour Change, Tim Richardson, was also in attendance, as were senior representatives from Family Safety Victoria.

Members shared their perspectives on strengthening accountability measures for perpetrators and motivating behaviour change, state-level actions to address impacts family violence, improving existing interventions, new approaches for engaging men in behaviour change work, better measurements of intervention impact on men, and outlining key priorities for their organisations over the next three years.

Thanks to all members who shared their insights and experiences in the discussion. There was a real sense of cooperation and collaboration in the room and a clear message to the Minister.

### **Contributing to Queensland's strategy for strengthening responses to persons using domestic and family violence**

We continue to work closely with our Queensland sector colleagues and government partners as the State takes its final steps towards shaping Australia's first state-wide perpetration strategy. Our advocacy team provided two rounds of feedback this month on the draft strategy, as well as meeting with representatives from Queensland Attorney-General's office and the Department of Justice and the Attorney-General. We will share the strategy once it is released and look forward to hearing your thoughts on it.

### **Contributing to the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) Victoria special report on police perpetration of family violence**

Last month we were invited by IBAC Victoria, who have a mandate to investigate police misconduct, to share our insights on police perpetration of family violence for their up-coming

We consulted with frontline services providers, members and key partner organisations in preparation for our meeting.

Thanks to those who shared your experiences and concerns with us; your insights helped ensure a rigorous conversation with IBAC Victoria about the specificities of police use of family violence and the ways it is embedded with broader police culture. If you would like to contribute to our ongoing work on this, please reach out to Shawna Marks at [shawnam@ntv.org.au](mailto:shawnam@ntv.org.au)

## Workforce Development Updates

We are thrilled to welcome Kim Monaghan to the Workforce Development Team as an Instructional Learning Designer. With extensive experience in applying learning theory and design frameworks, Kim excels in creating innovative and engaging learning experiences.

Over the past decade, Kim has specialised in designing and delivering educational programs focused on family violence prevention. We look forward to her expertise in reviewing our current training and developing new, engaging learning solutions.

On June 28, Head of Workforce Development, Caitlin Davies and General Manager Services, Lauren Palma and were pleased to be invited to, attend and represent No to Violence at the **Women's Safety Services SA Across the Continuum for Domestic & Family Violence forum**, a collaborative event for service providers and leaders across the domestic and family violence sector. Hosted at Port Adelaide Football Club with Power Community Ltd., the not-for-profit arm of the Port Adelaide Football Club, it was a wonderful opportunity to hear from and collaborate with speakers and participants from across the South Australian family violence sector as well as Jake Battifuoco, General Manager, Power Community.

Jake Battifcoco spoke about Power Community Limited's Relationships programs, including *Power to End Violence Against Women* and *Empowered* and how their programs use the power of elite sports people to promote gender equality, respectful relationships and social change.

NTV is again working in partnership with Swinburne to deliver the **Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management (CHC82015)**. The NTV Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management is designed to strengthen the skillset and capabilities of experienced practitioners to facilitate behaviour change programs with men who use family violence.

[click here.](#)

Our **public training dates** for the Q3 (July-September) period are available for the following courses:

- The Five Essential Discussion Tools (Revised)
- The Five Essential Discussion Tools (Enhanced)
- Four Day Foundational Training – Working with men who perpetrate family violence and abuse
- Engaging Dads Using Family Violence
- Introduction to Working with Men Using Family Violence

[For information on all our public training offerings and to register for upcoming sessions.](#)

We have also released our Q3 dates (July-September) for **MARAM Adults Using Family Violence** training. For more information on course delivery options and registration for all three levels:

- [Identification](#)
- [Intermediate](#)
- [Comprehensive](#)

<https://ntv.org.au/maram-training/>

A reminder that should you have any **custom training requirements**, [register your enquiry here.](#)

Please expect contact from us within 3-5 business days of your enquiry to discuss training specifics.

## Sector Development Updates

Last month, the NSW Sector Development team attended the Women's Legal Service's Forum on Coercive Control in preparation for the new coercive control legislation taking effect on 1 July 2024. This forum provided a valuable opportunity to hear from academics, police, and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) about the elements of the new offence and considerations for specialist family domestic and sexual violence practice.

Additionally, Relationships Australia NSW, in partnership with the Indian Sub-Continent Crisis &



the issue of multi-perpetrator family violence in Indian Sub-Continent and Arabic-speaking communities.

[Learn more about responding to multi-perpetrator domestic violence and abuse.](#)

### **OPEN Project**

NTV continues to work alongside Sexual Assault Services Victoria, Safe and Equal and the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare to expand OPEN through the development of a Family Violence and Sexual Violence knowledge hub.

NTV is working alongside Safe and Equal to improve the interface between Family Safety Advocacy and Victim-Survivor Services through an exciting research project.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June the first event was held as part of the project – Voices of Children and Young People: Insights into Family Violence Services. As the project continues members will receive invitations to attend events.

No to Violence is looking for exciting resources to showcase on the platform. If you have any resources you believe would benefit from a wider audience via the OPEN platform please reach out to [Brittab@ntv.org.au](mailto:Brittab@ntv.org.au)

NTV continues ongoing development of the project and is excited to work alongside our partner peaks to launch the knowledge hub later this year.

You can access OPEN [here](#).

## Diversity and Inclusion



June was a busy month for NTV, marked by Pride Month and a series of community events across the country. We were thrilled to receive glowing feedback on our Rainbow Tick mid-cycle review.

Continuing our focus on LGBTIQ+ issues, our Diversity & Inclusion Advisor, Richelle Menzies, presented at the Better Together LGBTIQ+ conference in collaboration with Thorne Harbour Health. They discussed the partnership between our organisations for the online Clear Space MBCP, encouraging mainstream organisations to collaborate with community-based services to

June also featured Men's Health Week, highlighting the importance of mental health for our clients and the men who work with them. We also observed Refugee Week, Mabo Day, Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and World Refugee Day, providing our staff with valuable information and resources to support their work.

As we step into July, we are currently celebrating NAIDOC Week. This period also allows us to reflect on our current Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and gauge our progress in the reconciliation journey. NTV stand alongside First Nations organisations and communities as they celebrate NAIDOC 24 Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.

## Events



### Upcoming NTV conference:

Join us from 2-5 September 2024 at Rydges Melbourne for *Leading Radical Change: A call to action to end men's family violence* to explore key themes of practice, masculinities, diversity, and the voices of children and young people.

Expect to engage with leading experts, participate in thought-provoking discussions, and collaborate on actionable strategies to address and prevent family violence.

[Register now](#)

### Membership meetings:

Below are the dates for our 2024 Members' Meetings, invitations have been sent out for each of these meetings from [membership@ntv.org.au](mailto:membership@ntv.org.au)

Please feel free to forward these invites throughout your organisation, especially if you know you are unable to make a certain date or time.

If you don't have the meeting invitations, please contact [membership@ntv.org.au](mailto:membership@ntv.org.au)

### Victorian Members' Meetings:

7<sup>th</sup> August 10am

4<sup>th</sup> December 10am

### National Members' Forums:

6<sup>th</sup> November 10am

## Follow us on social media

We use our social media platforms to share information, provide expert commentary and prompt discussions around issues related to the family violence sector.

To be a part of the conversation, follow:



No to Violence acknowledges First Nations Peoples across these lands; the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters. We pay respect to all Elders, past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge a deep connection with country which has existed over 60,000 years.

We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded, and this was and always will be First Nation's land.

---

*Copyright © 2023*

You are receiving this email because you are a member of No to Violence.

**Our mailing address is:**

PO Box 277 Flinders Lane VIC 8009

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

