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The logo features a stylized sunburst or flower-like graphic with a central circle and radiating lines.

**Domestic Violence  
Resource Centre Victoria**  
*Preventing violence, promoting respect*

**Annual Report  
2014-15**

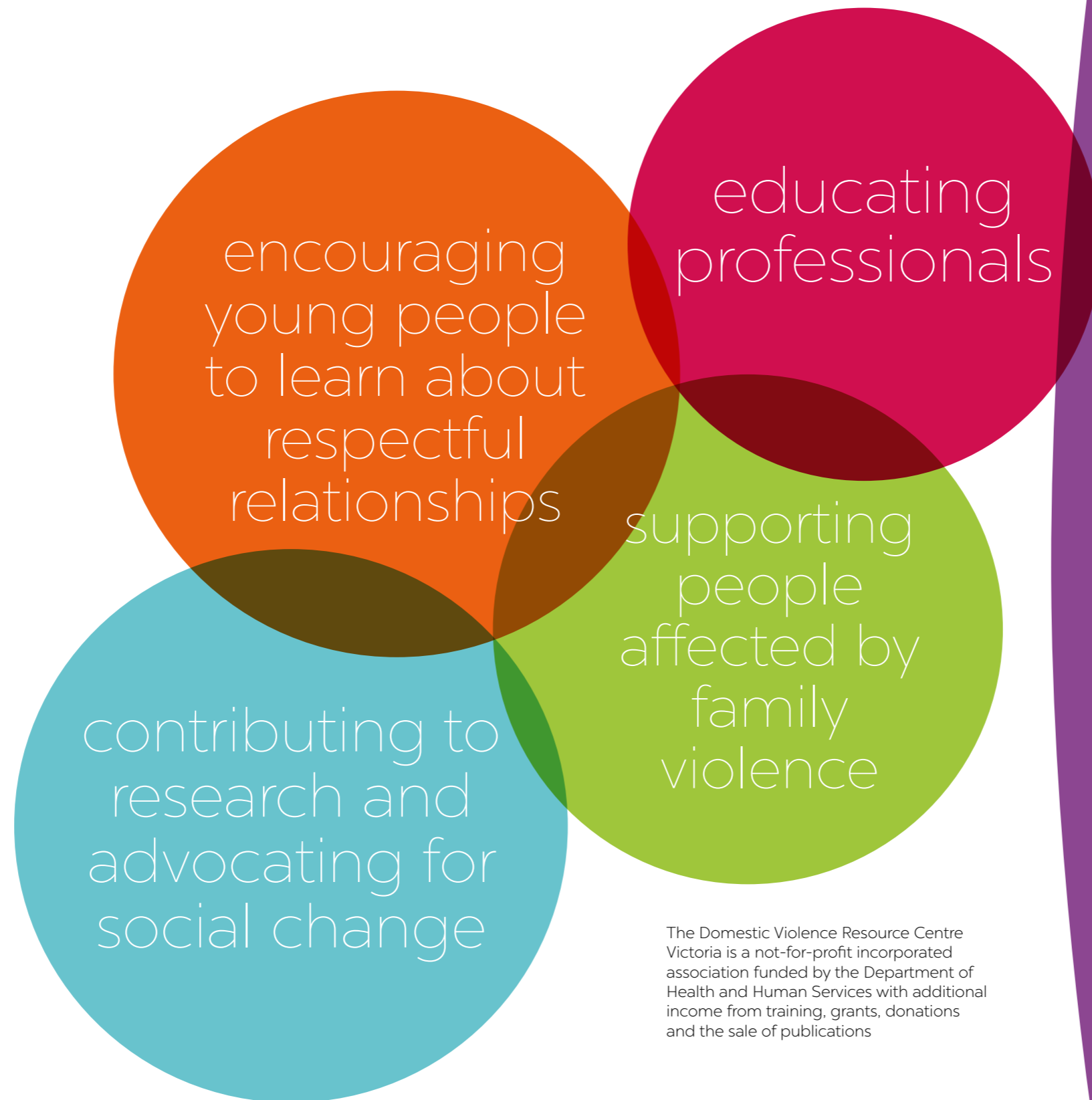
# Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria (DVRCV)

## Who we are

We are family violence specialists dedicated to making a safer community for women and children

## What we do

We help the community to respond to and prevent family violence



The Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria is a not-for-profit incorporated association funded by the Department of Health and Human Services with additional income from training, grants, donations and the sale of publications

# Highlights 2014-15

## Advocacy for a stronger system

Our submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence described the steps needed to develop a strong integrated service system in Victoria

## Technology safety & innovation

We developed a national technology safety website and an interactive smartphone app that assists women to collect evidence that can be used in court

## Increased training

We trained more than 2,600 professionals around Victoria in effective responses to family violence

## Research

We continued our landmark research into legal responses to domestic homicides in Victoria

With Monash University

## Growing prevention

We resourced and supported our rapidly growing Partners in Prevention network to deliver best practice respectful relationships education

“for the first time, ... family violence was an election issue.”

Professor Kelsey Hegarty  
Chairperson

# The DVRCV Governance Group

## Family violence now an election issue

2014–2015 saw an unprecedented level of public discussion about family violence. The extensive media coverage that followed the tragic deaths of a number of children in early 2014 had a strong impact on the Australian community, Public statements by Rosie Batty following the murder of her nine-year-old son Luke at the hands of his father galvanised broad community discussion. During 2014, Victoria’s then Chief Commissioner of Police, Ken Lay, also made effective use of the media to explain the links between gender inequality and violence against women.

In the lead-up to the Victorian election, DVRCV joined with key community organisations to form the No More Deaths Alliance. The Alliance successfully lobbied all political parties to make a commitment to addressing family violence and ensured, for the first time, that family violence was an election issue. Public hearings of the Senate inquiry into domestic violence also helped maintain media interest.

In November 2014, the newly elected Victorian Labor Government announced a new Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence – the first in Australia – and began consultation on the terms of reference for its promised Royal Commission into Family Violence.

In January 2015, Rosie Batty was named Australian of the Year and her commitment to advocacy on the issue of family violence further increased community awareness and understanding. By May, the Royal Commission into Family Violence had received over 1000 submissions, including an excellent submission from DVRCV staff.

This is the context in which we developed our new strategic plan for 2015–2018.

I would like to particularly thank our Executive Officer, Vig Geddes, who has worked tirelessly on this issue for over 20 years. I acknowledge the outstanding work of the dedicated staff. I would also like to thank Ishbel Moodie, our outgoing Treasurer on the Governance Group, for her support and prudent financial wisdom. I welcome new members Deb Fewster, Stacey Ong, and Natalia Perera who will provide us with excellent input moving forward as a Governance Group.

**Professor Kelsey Hegarty** – Chairperson

## New demands on DVRCV

Increased community concern about family violence has impacted all family violence services. This year, we saw a significant increase in requests for training, phone contacts, visits to our websites and requests for publications.

Concern about the increase in family violence deaths, together with the anticipated extension of the Risk Assessment Management Panels (RAMPS) across the state, generated widespread interest in risk assessment and risk management. Our public forum on this topic booked out quickly and those unable to attend took advantage of DVRCV podcasts by the keynote speakers, Mhairi McGowan from Scotland and Professor Cathy Humphreys.

Requests for training on the Common Risk Assessment Framework (CRAF) continued to grow. Through a

philanthropic grant, DVRCV was able to partly fill the gap left after the state government’s CRAF training contract finished in 2013.

We extended our work on technology safety through a national research project and website in partnership with Women’s Legal Service NSW and WESNET, and developed a smartphone app to assist women collect evidence for court.

In our research on domestic homicide we are examining how the legal system responds to men who kill intimate partners.

We continue to build our Partners in Prevention (PiP) program for practitioners engaged in respectful relationships education with young people. There is strong interest in extending the programs into primary schools and early childhood settings.

A major piece of work was our submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence, where we focused on risk assessment and risk management, training, and the need for accountability, consistency of practice and good governance across the family violence service system.

Thanks to the wonderful women at DVRCV for their commitment, passion and willingness to work together.

**Vig Geddes** – Executive Officer



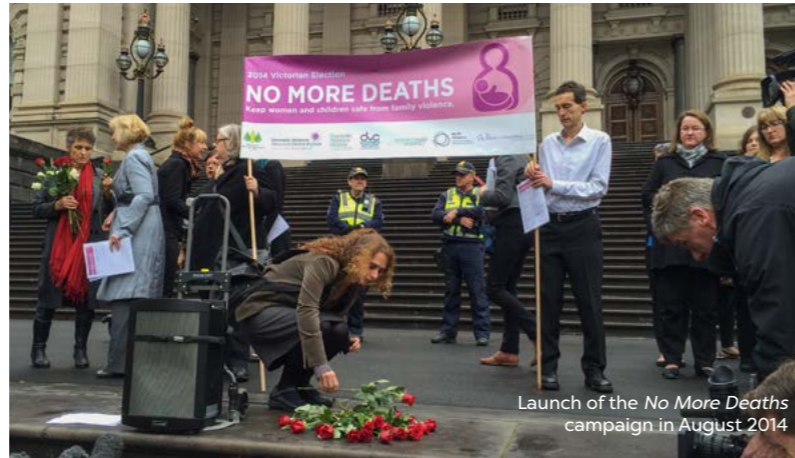
DVRCV Governance Group

## Governance Group members 2014–15

- Kelsey Hegarty (Chair)** General Practitioner & Professor, Department of General Practice, University of Melbourne
- Ishbel Moodie (Deputy Chair)** General Manager Operation, Timbercorp Group (in liquidation)
- Deb Davison** Community sector worker (retired)
- Stacey Ong** Economist & management consultant, Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Sarah Johnson** Family Violence Regional Integration Coordinator, Northern Region
- Mary Louise Hatch** Lawyer, & lecturer, RMIT
- Natalia Perera** Innovation director, Syneka Marketing
- Deborah Fewster** Head of policy, advocacy and government relations, Melbourne City Mission
- Caitlin le Feuvre** Lawyer, knowmore
- Anaya Latter** Communications & campaign professional
- Jo Geary** and **Krista Mogensen**, staff representatives

# Advocacy: Improving policy and practice, saving lives

The Centre continued to advocate for coordinated, long-term reforms to Victoria's integrated family violence system. Tragically, the number of women and children killed by family violence grew again this year, putting the spotlight on the urgency of improvements to risk assessment, policy and practice.



## No More Deaths campaign

DVRCV was a member of an alliance of peak bodies and statewide family violence organisations that launched the *No More Deaths* campaign in the lead-up to the November 2014 Victorian state election.

Launched on the steps of Parliament House on 25 August, the campaign called on the state's political parties to commit to wide-ranging policies across housing, justice, police, health and education to keep women and children safe from family violence. MPs from all major parties attended.

The Alliance produced fact sheets describing 25 priority actions to:

- keep women and children safe and housed
- make the justice system safe and supportive

- hold violent perpetrators to account
- break down the service silos that endanger women and children
- prevent violence against women and children.

The Alliance worked with FairAgenda to develop a 'scorecard' ranking political parties on their pre-election commitments to family violence, which was widely distributed, including at the 'Walk Against Family Violence' event in Federation Square on 25 November 2014.

*No More Deaths* Alliance members: Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria, Domestic Violence Victoria, Federation of Community Legal Centres, No To Violence, Women's Legal Service Victoria, Safe Steps: Family Violence Response Centre, Women with Disabilities Victoria, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, InTouch.

## Royal Commission into Family Violence

The *No More Deaths* Alliance continued to meet and plan as the Royal Commission into Family Violence was established. DVRCV joined a delegation that met with the new Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence to discuss the proposed Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission.

DVRCV later hosted a workshop for the Alliance to develop a set of agreed shared principles that was then sent to the Commission as a preamble to each individual agency's submission.

Our submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence put forward nine clear recommendations:

- strengthen Victoria's integrated service system
- build consistent practice through workforce development
- embed a universal risk assessment and risk management framework
- address risks to children in the context of family violence
- address the abuse of technology by family violence perpetrators
- inform and resource the community
- support community-based family violence research
- improve legal responses to domestic homicides
- build effective strategies to prevent violence against women.

DVRCV also provided expert witness testimony on risk assessment and risk management.

## Senate Inquiry

DVRCV appeared before the Senate Committee Inquiry into Domestic Violence at Parliament House in Melbourne on 5 November 2014. We spoke about the importance of training around family violence, the vital need to build shared understandings about the dynamics, causes and effects of family violence.

## Luke Batty inquest

In preparation for the October 2015 inquest into Luke Batty's death, and at the request of Rosie Batty's legal team, DVRCV facilitated a discussion of the broader family violence context and expert evidence that could be tendered to the State Coroner.

“We need strong leadership, strong governance mechanisms and consistent evidence-based practices.”

DVRCV's Submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence

As a result, a panel of family violence experts was established which provided expert evidence on the final day of inquest hearings. The panel included representatives from DVRCV, No To Violence, Domestic Violence Victoria and academic institutions. DVRCV also provided feedback to the legal team throughout the inquest on systemic issues and the application of risk assessment.

### We contributed to:

- Chief Magistrates' Family Violence Taskforce
- Victorian Family Law Pathways Network Steering Committee
- Federation of Community Legal Centres, Violence Against Women and Children Working Group
- Department of Justice, Family Violence Stakeholder sub-group
- Violence against Women and Children Forum
- Department of Human Services, Risk Assessment Management Panel Working Group
- Victorian Systemic Review of Family Violence Deaths Reference Group.
- Magistrates' Court of Victoria, Online Engagement Project
- 1800RESPECT content
- Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG)

“I am sure that this is going to help a lot of women! Thank you so much for creating this!”

Feedback from a user of the *SmartSafe+* App

# DVRCV research and communications

This year, the Centre's Research and Communications team launched a new national website promoting the safe use of technology, and continued its landmark research into domestic homicide. We produced a biannual magazine and other print resources, and grew our online presence across six websites and social media.

## Technology safety and innovation

This year, DVRCV launched a national website *SmartSafe* as part of a suite of tools and responses to technology-facilitated abuse in Australia.

*SmartSafe* aims to support education and awareness around the positive use of technology for those experiencing violence. *SmartSafe* provides a tech safety hub with how-to videos, safety planning, privacy tips and legal guides for all states and territories.



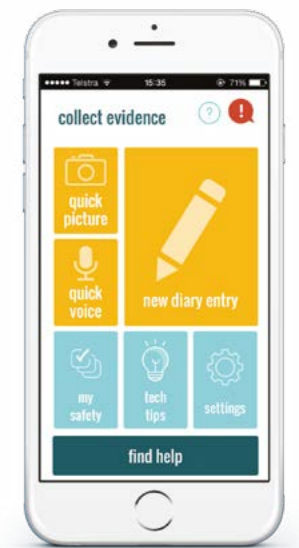
We completed a new project *Recharge: Women's Technology Safety, Legal Resources, Research & Training* with Women's Legal Service NSW and WESNET, funded by the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network. The website hosts the research findings and results from the first national survey of family violence workers.

As part of the Centre's SmartSafe program, which aims to increase women's safety using technology, we developed an innovative 'app'.

*SmartSafe+* is an evidence collection tool, like a diary, that uses the extra features, functions and security available through smartphones.

*SmartSafe+* helps users to:

- collect quality evidence to support intervention order applications, or to report breaches
- safely save evidence on a 'Cloud' account and not on their phone
- learn more about, and improve, tech safety
- find information about family violence, legal and court services.



DVRCV's *SmartSafe+* App project was funded by the Victorian Legal Services Board & Commissioner, the Telematics Trust and a private foundation.

“This is a brilliant way for me to document the things I need to keep a record of”

Feedback

## The Lookout

The Lookout continued to build its role as a 'one stop shop' for family violence practitioners and other workers

supporting women's safety in Victoria. The site also provided information and resources for women experiencing violence, as well as family and friends, researchers and the media.

This year, we continued to build the site's content, expanding the breadth of material hosted, as well as improving the site's usability and navigation, following consultation and collaboration with sector advisers.

The Lookout also began hosting the online Common Risk Assessment Framework (eCRAF) training modules, which provides workers with access to online, self-directed learning.

The Lookout is a joint project with Domestic Violence Victoria, funded by the Victorian Government to June 2016.



## DVRCV Advocate

Our biannual magazine *DVRCV Advocate* aims to inform, educate and inspire with key articles on practice and research in the family violence sector. This year's features included:

- multi-agency high-risk family violence interventions
- the impact of pornography on young people's relationships
- the coronial inquest into the murder of Luke Batty
- stories from women with disabilities who have experienced violence
- how technology is being used in the context of family violence
- the geographical barriers facing rural and regional women who experience family violence.



DVRCV's Research and Communications team

## Research: legal responses to domestic homicide

In partnership with Monash University, DVRCV continued to examine the impact of Victoria's 2005 homicide law reforms, which were introduced to better recognise the role of family violence in homicide cases.

Funded by the Victorian Legal Services Board, this research focusses on Victorian legal responses to men who kill in the context of sexual intimacy. Our research examines 47 cases since 2005: in over half of these cases, we found evidence that the man accused had a history of perpetrating family violence. Almost two-thirds of the homicides occurred when the man's partner attempted to leave the relationship, or after separation. This research will be published in early 2016.

DVRCV also monitored legal responses in cases of women who killed intimate partners. We identified 11 cases of women who killed an intimate partner or ex-partner since 2005, all of whom had been previously subjected to family violence.

We continued to advocate for improvements to Victorian legal responses to better recognise a history of family violence and why women may kill to protect themselves from an abusive partner. This advocacy included media interviews, submissions and briefing papers for MPs on

the abolition of defensive homicide, and a presentation to the Homicide Law Reform in Victoria conference in August 2014.

We also published a journal article in the prestigious international journal *Violence Against Women*, and provided a chapter in *Homicide Law Reform in Victoria: Retrospect and Prospects* (edited by A Freiberg and K Fitz-Gibbon 2015), both of which examined the effects of the law reforms on women who kill intimate partners.

## Research: family violence program for magistrates

DVRCV presented on women's and children's safety and family violence risk assessment at a specialist two-day professional development program for magistrates. This session drew on DVRCV's *Just Say Goodbye* filicide research (2012) and highlighted the links between risks to mothers and risks to children.

### Our top 4 publications

*Family violence hurts kids too*

*Sex, love and other stuff*

*Relationships: the good, the bad & the ugly*

*Is someone you know being abused in a relationship?*

“The website is fantastic and incredibly useful”

Feedback

“The site looks great – very clean design and clear navigation”

Feedback

## Online communications

up 32% Website users across all DVRCV sites  
More than 500,000 site visits

3,791 Users of **partnersinprevention.org.au**  
(7 month period)

up 67% 177,345 users of **dvrcv.org.au**

up 60% 257,184 users of **lovegoodbadugly.com**

14,614 Users of **thelookout.org.au**  
in its first full year

32,348 users of **burstingthebubble.com**

## Social media



More than 2500  
Twitter followers



More than 4700  
Facebook fans

# DVRCV training: Empowering practitioners & promoting good practice

DVRCV is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and the major provider of family violence training in Victoria. We provide a range of programs on our training calendar, two of which are nationally accredited. We provide training under contract to government departments and customised training for community organisations and workplaces.



DVRCV's training team

The demand for family violence training continued to increase over 2014–2015, with 16 different courses on offer. DVRCV was contracted by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to deliver a new schedule of the Common Risk Assessment Framework training between February and June 2015. We also delivered training to community organisations and local government, and provided specialised training for TAFEs and government departments.

Due to demand, we also scheduled extra core training modules, which were enthusiastically attended by new workers. These courses, which aim to equip practitioners with a thorough knowledge of family violence and case work, include *Introduction to Domestic Violence*, *Responding to Family Violence (including risk assessment)*, *Case Notes, domestic violence & the law*, and *SmartSafe: family violence & mobile technology*.

*Family Violence Hurts Kids Too* was a popular training program, with most participants choosing to be assessed against national competencies. We continued to partner with specialist presenters who are experts in their field for courses such as *Adopting Child-led Practices*, *Infants in Refuges*, and *Adolescent Violence in the Home*.

## Risk assessment

Through a generous grant from the Samuel Nissen Charitable Foundation, managed by Perpetual, DVRCV delivered training on risk assessment using CRAF throughout all state regions. This training module has become one of our most requested courses.

To meet the demand from practitioners in specialised government-funded programs, DHHS funded additional sessions of *CRAF Practice Guide 2* training and *CRAF Specialist Practice Guide 3* training between February and June 2015.

DVRCV invited international risk assessment expert Mhairi

McGowan from Scotland to be the keynote speaker at our forum *What Does It Take?*, held in September 2014 and attended by 200 practitioners. Interest in a risk assessment panel model led to DVRCV's involvement in a consortium with DVVic and No To Violence to develop and deliver training on Risk Assessment Management Panels (RAMPs). A pilot of the training session was run in June 2015, with a full program planned next financial year.

## New training

Sessions on groupwork proved popular with practitioners. *The Enhanced Family Violence: Practice skills* course was further developed to respond to sector requirements and incorporated guest speakers. A new legal training course, *Walking Women Through the Legal System*, was developed for delivery in late 2015.

DVRCV strengthened its partnership with Wodonga TAFE to deliver risk assessment training for the homelessness sector, and partnered with Chisholm TAFE to deliver training for Home and Community Care workers.

We provided training for agencies including Magistrates' Court staff, Maternal and Child Health Nurses, local government and community organisations, and also delivered two days of SmartSafe training for Tasmanian family violence services.

We collaborated with DVVic, No to Violence, Women's Legal Service Victoria, Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, Victoria Police and Women with Disabilities Victoria to develop and deliver training programs.

## Training numbers

117

days of training were provided during the year

2,680

participants attended our training

“The facilitators on this course were outstanding – knowledgeable and articulate, well organised and approachable.”

Feedback

“Wonderful content, wonderful presentation.”

Feedback

# Partners in Prevention: Growing up

The Partners in Prevention network – known as ‘PiP’ – brings together professionals from across Victoria who work with educators, children and young people to prevent violence against women.

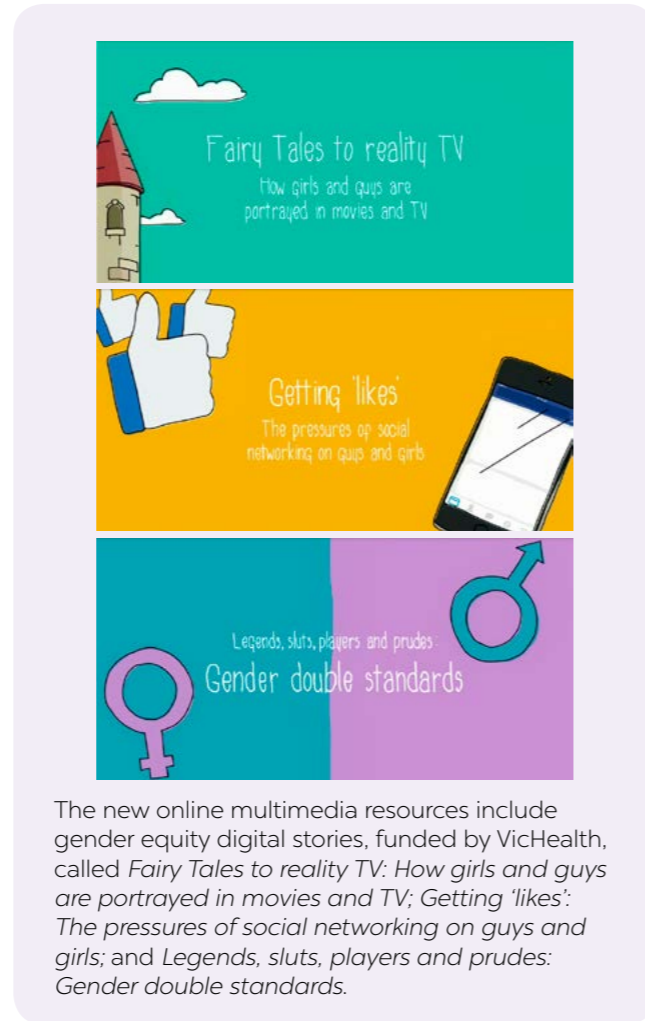
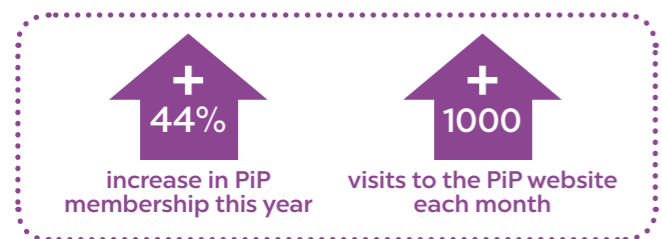
This year has seen phenomenal growth in the PiP network, with more than 650 professionals now participating and using its resources. The network continues to build the capacity of its members to deliver evidence-based, effective and sustainable respectful relationships education in their work with young people across the state.

This year, the PiP program launched several substantial new resources including a website and a multimedia package.

The new website provides a hub of information, tools and resources to support violence prevention, including activities, case studies and best practice guides.

The PiP network also provided:

- networking and capacity building opportunities for professionals to learn from each other and to develop skills and expertise
- quarterly network meetings and an annual forum on new research and programs
- email bulletins which kept practitioners up-to-date on respectful relationships education in Victoria and nationally
- specialist consultations and referrals to support program development, implementation and evaluation.



The new online multimedia resources include gender equity digital stories, funded by VicHealth, called *Fairy Tales to reality TV: How girls and guys are portrayed in movies and TV*; *Getting 'likes': The pressures of social networking on guys and girls*; and *Legends, sluts, players and prudes: Gender double standards*.

Given the significant growth and engagement in violence prevention activities and focus, the PiP network is set to expand again next year. Its goals include engaging new sectors and agencies to support a state-wide approach to respectful relationships education and working with current members to identify priority areas of focus for the network. Importantly, PiP will expand its focus to address violence prevention in the early and middle years.

# Information services and library

DVRCV provides support and information for people experiencing family violence, consultation for professionals, and information for family and friends, and other members of the community

This year, DVRCV responded to more than 4,000 enquiries from workers from various sectors, members of the public, and survivors of family violence, their friends and family. Most calls related to training or publications, and we also received a significantly higher number of survivor-related calls as a result of media coverage of family violence.

## High referral numbers

For each survivor call, multiple referral options were generally provided, most frequently to either Safe Steps or 1800 RESPECT. Many callers obtained DVRCV's phone number via web searches. DVRCV is one of only a few services with 'domestic violence' in its name, and as a result, we are often the first organisation to appear in a web search.

## Cross-sector training enquiries

This year's provision of free Common Risk Assessment Framework training, funded by the Samuel Nissen Foundation, attracted considerable support from different sectors across the state. We also received a high number of training-related enquiries from organisations requesting customised training and workforce development.

## Giving generously

Donations mainly consisted of household items, which were referred on to DV Vic for distribution to women's refuges.

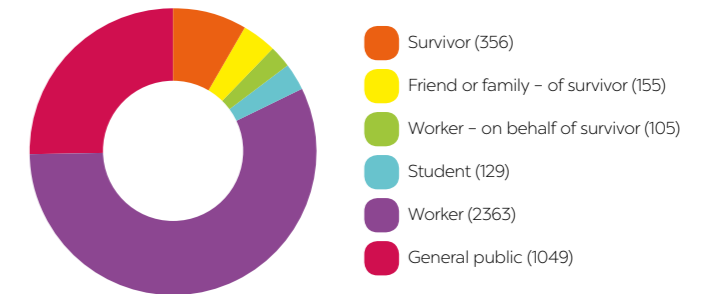
## Library resources

We received more than 300 contacts for library resources and assistance this year. Most library service users were workers from the family violence sector, survivors of family violence and students.

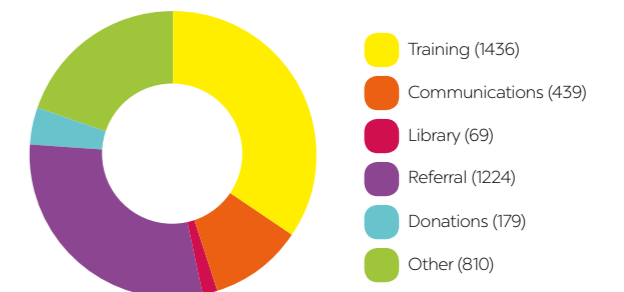
The library also received requests from the public, including mental health professionals and secondary school teachers, for resources on:

- the impact of pornography on violence against women
- violence against women with disabilities
- safety planning for women and children
- primary prevention of violence against women.

## DVRCV enquiries in 2014-15



## Reason for enquiry





# Financials

The 2015 Financial Year provided a return in operating profit of \$57,144, up from last year's operating profit of \$10,427. This was achieved through the continued efforts of DVRCV staff, and working with our funding partners to increase revenue by an additional \$330K, while containing operating expenses growth to \$283K. Our biggest revenue movers to achieve this substantial growth were in training contracts \$88k, projects funding \$156k and donations \$48k. Our biggest expenses increase was in salaries \$129k, with more workers required to manage the growth, and increased remunerations consistent with the Social and Community Services Sector Equal Remuneration Order.

The balance sheet of DVRCV improved by \$57k over FY14, with our total assets reducing by only \$9k, while our liabilities reduced by \$66k, as we acquitted the substantive part of grants received in advance.

FY16 will prove to be a challenging year as we want to retain some flexibility to be responsive after the recommendations are announced by the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

## Finance Sub Committee

### Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year ended 30 June 2015

INCOME	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Training Contracts	329,931	241,413
Projects Funding	425,695	269,166
Donations & Fundraising	59,678	11,836
Interest Received	23,580	18,639
Newsletter	2,659	2,067
Publications	14,225	9,888
Membership	440	327
Workcover Reimbursements	26,026	-
Other Revenue	13,202	4,012
Government Grants	891,480	891,630
Profit on Sale of Non-current Assets	-	7,700
	<b>1,786,916</b>	<b>1,456,678</b>

EXPENDITURE	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Accountancy fees	2,335	2,818
Advertising and Promotion	4,569	2,043
Audit Fees	4,400	4,000
Bad Debts	225	1,305
Bank Charges	2,734	2,370
Building Maintenance	4,060	2,427
Cleaning	12,782	11,565
Consultancy Fees	6,914	591
Depreciation	16,196	15,920
Doubtful Debts Provision	1,402	-
Equipment Purchases <\$2,000	11,707	12,310
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	7,517	7,775
Fines	204	-
Fundraising Expenses	10,519	2,558
Insurance	1,807	1,866
Interest Paid	916	-
Loss on Disposal of Non-current Assets	387	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,035	5,344
Newsletter	27,634	21,792
Occupancy Costs	65,201	63,419
OHS Expenses	2,799	4,050
Postage	4,981	4,085
Printing and Publishing	30,441	31,397
Projects	179,351	79,791
Provision for Annual Leave	6,684	19,695
Provision for Long Service Leave	6,465	12,638
Salaries - including on-costs	1,024,667	895,479
Subscriptions and Library	5,519	3,909
Staff Development	18,227	15,717
Staffing, Travel and Meetings	19,415	12,311
Sundry Expenses	6,790	3,356
Telephone and Internet	6,383	7,794
Training/Workshop Costs	226,649	183,265
Training (CRAF)	-	8,253
Water and Power	5,998	5,716
Websites	859	692
	<b>1,729,772</b>	<b>1,446,251</b>
<b>Operating Surplus For The Year</b>	<b>57,144</b>	<b>10,427</b>

## Assets and Liabilities Statement As at 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve NOTE 2	-	44,655
Retain Surplus/(Deficit) NOTE 3	353,113	251,314
<b>Total Members Funds</b>	<b>353,113</b>	<b>295,969</b>
Represented By:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on Hand	250	250
Debit Card Account	1,237	1,109
Cash at Bank – CBA Cheque Account	3,021	2,823
Cash at Bank – Online Saver A/C	13,123	67
ING Term Deposit 085242714	75,000	75,000
ING Term Deposit 084841297	160,000	160,000
ING Term Deposit 084864510	30,000	30,000
ING Term Deposit 084898313	-	30,000
ING Term Deposit 85976471	90,000	-
ING Term Deposit 085807323	100,000	-
ING Term Deposit 086311029	95,000	-
Cash at Bank – People's Choice Credit Union – A/C 166010895	-	85,916
Cash at Bank – People's Choice Credit Union – A/C 166011370	17,801	17,297
Cash at Bank – People's Choice Credit Union – A/C 166011743	12,825	12,320
Cash at Bank – People's Choice Credit Union – A/C 166100115	-	17,609
Cash at Bank – People's Choice Credit Union – A/C 166109415	9,906	9,688
Cash at Bank – ING Business Optimiser Account	89,594	203,805
Trade Debtors	26,808	73,528
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(2,642)	(1,000)
Accrued Interest	9,699	8,766
PayPal	780	983
Prepayments	1,739	-
	<b>734,141</b>	<b>728,161</b>

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Motor Vehicles	19,998	19,998
Less Accumulated Depreciation	7,595	3,827
	<b>12,403</b>	<b>16,171</b>
Office Furniture and Equipment	58,832	65,044
Less Accumulated Depreciation	30,439	25,695
	<b>28,393</b>	<b>39,349</b>
	40,796	55,520
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>774,937</b>	<b>783,681</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade Creditors	19,304	46,217
Grants Received in Advance	71,413	257,984
Revenue Received in Advance	133,280	-
GST Payable	29,358	22,115
PAYG Payable	12,978	9,545
Superannuation Payable	-	9,023
Union Fees Payable	-	486
Provision for Annual Leave	74,722	68,038
Provision for Long Service Leave	74,215	65,582
	<b>415,270</b>	<b>478,990</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	6,554	8,722
	<b>6,554</b>	<b>8,722</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>421,824</b>	<b>487,712</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>353,113</b>	<b>295,969</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows For the Year ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Government Grants	1,130,604	1,301,212
Interest Received	22,647	15,638
Other Operating Receipts	633,179	261,330
Payments for Operating Activities	(1,732,901)	(1,371,702)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities (NOTE 2)	<b>53,529</b>	<b>206,478</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	674	7,700
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(2,533)	(5,020)
Net Cash provided by Investing Activities	(1,859)	2,680
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	51,670	209,158
Cash at beginning of the Financial Year	646,867	437,709
Cash at end of the Financial Year (NOTE 1)	<b>698,537</b>	<b>646,867</b>
<b>NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
<b>NOTE 1 – CASH AT END COMPRISES:</b>		
Cash on Hand	250	250
Cash at Bank	698,287	646,617
	<b>698,537</b>	<b>646,867</b>
<b>NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	57,144	10,427
<b>Add – Non Cash Items:</b>		
Depreciation	16,196	15,920
Loss/(Profit) on Sale of Non-current Assets	387	(7,700)
<b>Changes in Net Assets and Liabilities:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in Prepayments	(1,739)	-
(Increase)/decrease in Receivables	47,429	(12,245)
Increase/(decrease) in Payables	(25,746)	27,327
Increase/(decrease) in Grants in Advance	(186,571)	140,416
Increase/(decrease) in Revenue Received in Advance	133,280	-
Increase/(decrease) in Employee Provisions	13,149	32,333
	<b>53,529</b>	<b>206,478</b>

The statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Audit Report.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The governance group has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

#### a. Income Tax

The organisation is a non-profit organisation and is not subject to income tax.

#### b. Fixed Assets

Each Class of fixed assets is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The association capitalises fixed assets purchased in excess of \$2,000.

#### c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the governance group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

#### d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

#### e. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

#### f. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

### NOTE 2: ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 July 2014	44,655	44,655
Transfer to Retained Surplus	(44,655)	-
Closing Balance 30 June 2015	<b>-</b>	<b>44,655</b>

### NOTE 3: RETAINED SURPLUS

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Opening Balance 1 July 2014	251,314	240,887
Transfer from Asset Revaluation Reserve	44,655	-
Surplus For The Year	57,144	10,427
Closing Balance 30 June 2015	<b>353,113</b>	<b>251,314</b>

## Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria Incorporated (the association), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2015, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the governance group on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

### Governance Group's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The governance group of Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria Incorporated is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The governance group's responsibility also includes such internal control as the governance group determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the governance group, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria Incorporated as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria Incorporated to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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### CHARLES J HESSE

Principal  
Registered Company Auditor  
Dated this 30th day of September 2015

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