



District 9780 Rotary Conference Maryborough: March 2015

Say NO to Family Violence: Our Journey

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Maryborough SAFE Project



Where it started

- **Club Visioning exercise**
- **Issue Identification with Stakeholders**
 - **Police**
 - **Go Goldfields**
- **Gaining members support**
- **Bringing in stakeholders and community members**

Sobering statistics

- Overwhelmingly women and children are victims
 - One women killed each week by partner, or ex partner
 - Leading cause of death and disability in women under 45
 - Reported incidents: Our communities top leader board
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#SayNO2FamilyViolence program

- **Maryborough Rotary invest in a publicity and media consultant to refine work**
- **Bring together stakeholders to form action group**
- **Drive idea's and initiatives**

What's on offer



- **Support**
- **Advice**
- **Facilitation**
- **Early intervention**



Making it happen!

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Sunday, June 8, 2016

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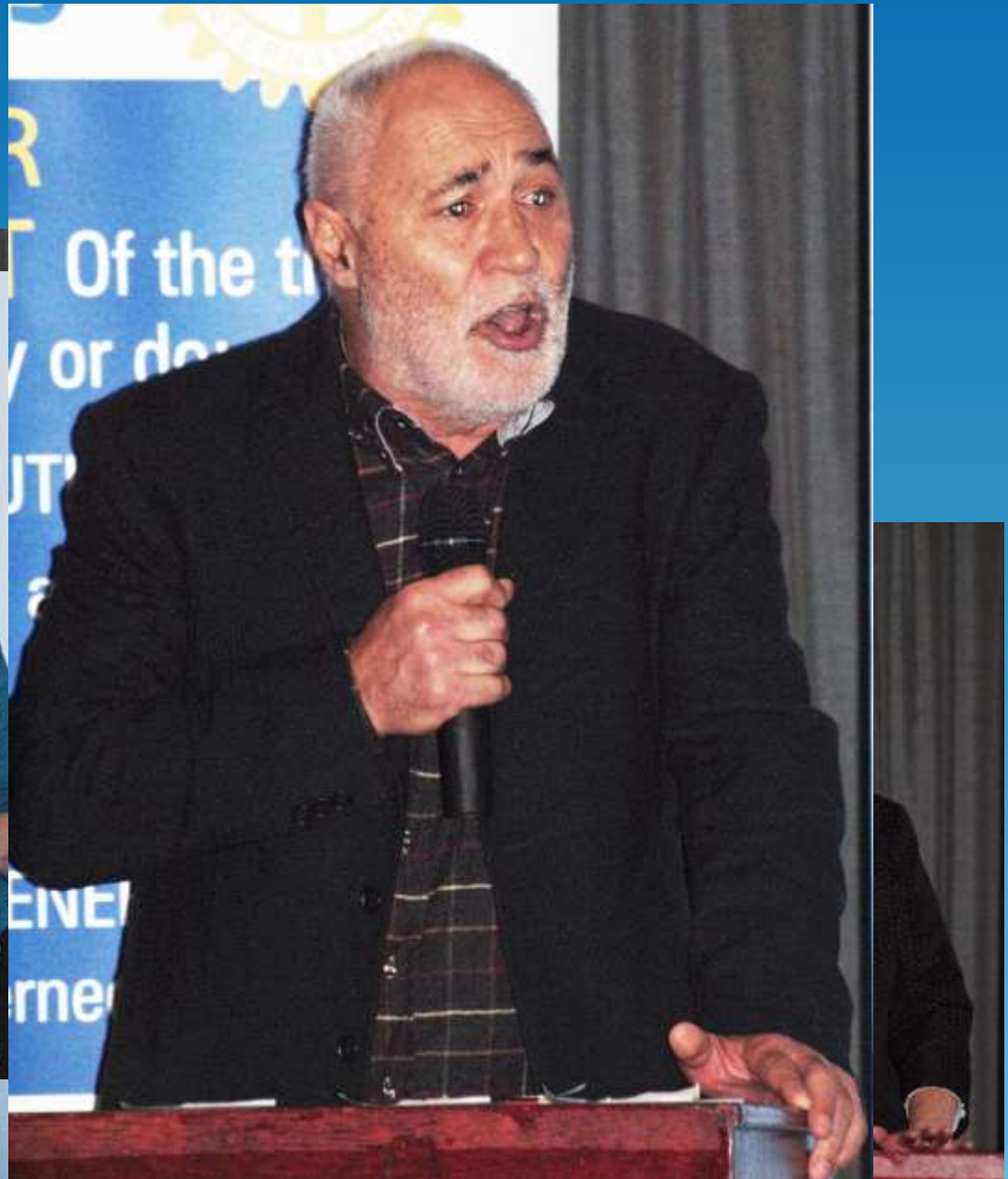
Maryborough takes on domestic violence through special programs

By Jane Edder June 8, 2016, 3 a.m.



- Developed SAFE model
- #SayNo2FamilyViolence campaign
- VicPol: Men's behaviour program
- Footy clubs spreading the message
- Pride of Workmanship scholarships
- 'What would you do?' awareness
- Workplace outreach programs

The Launch



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Pride of Workmanship awards

- A focus on people who work with and address Family Violence
- Liz Albanese funded to study worlds best practice at Penn Green in the UK
- Runner up Dave Scott funded through district grant to become a “Men’s Behavioural Change” Facilitator

Wallet Cards and Posters

Good values, safe families... stronger communities

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Abuse to children is when ...

- you physically harm or threaten to harm them
- they hear or see violence directed towards their parent or sibling
- you excessively criticise, reject or withhold affection, praise or attention
- you use physical or social isolation as punishment
- you use them to get back at your partner and involve them in adult issues

A healthy relationship is when you are ...

- paying thoughtful attention to your child
- being respectful and empathetic
- communicating with your child and listening to them
- prioritising individual time with your child
- encouraging your child
- trying to understand things from your child's perspective

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Silent abuse is when
someone ...

- purposely breaks your possessions or property
- harasses you through other people
- deliberately ignores you
- unfairly controls your money
- isolates you
- keeps checking up on you
- uses children to control you

A healthy relationship is
when you are ...

- treated with respect
- safe and never scared
- free to say no
- free to make your own choices
- free to see your friends and family when you want
- able to be yourself
- able to compromise, say sorry and talk arguments out

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Speak up...

Family violence is hidden by silence

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Family violence can be ... Physical, Emotional or Sexual

- You don't have to be hit to be hurt
- It can involve partners, parents, children, siblings, extended family, carers and past intimate relationships.
- It occurs when someone harms you, controls you or makes you feel afraid
- Just being exposed to family violence is damaging

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A packed house attended



#SayNO2FamilyViolence Footy Round Sunday 17th August 2014



Elephant in the room



By Stander Training and “What would you do?” series

- 400 places for local businesses to train staff
- Focus on supporting employee's experiencing Family Violence

Introduction to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Policy



Wide range of Community Support

- Huge thanks to (in no particular order)
 - Go Goldfields
 - Maryborough Police
 - NAB Maryborough Branch
 - MCDFNL
 - MEC and Highview College
 - Zonta Club of Maryborough
 - And many more

What has Maryborough Rotary Accomplished?

- We've started the conversation
- We've influenced local government and services decision making
- Go Goldfields to establish a Family Violence project in shire with a dedicated worker
- Raised awareness of issue in community
- We've seen reporting go up (both primary and third party)
- There has been an increase in recidivism

Rotary's voice in the community

- We are strong
- We are respected
- We can influence decision making
- We can advocate for change
- We can lead by example
- We can have the conversations others fear to have

What can you do?

Everyone has a role to play



Name three ideas that you could initiate in your community...