

Hi all

A message of thanks

Yesterday was Human Rights Day and the last day of the 16 Days of Activism. As the campaign comes to an end, we would like to **congratulate** all councils, NGOs and partners for uniting to address one of the most prevalent human rights abuses in Australia, and around the world. By promoting respect and equality, we can continue to shift attitudes and behaviours and eliminate violence against women.

Your efforts over the 16 Days have been phenomenal and we thank you for doing this difficult, often thankless, and incredibly important work! On a personal note, it was lovely to see many of you at the MAV Network Meeting on Wednesday and to hear Tracey Gaudry, CEO of Respect Victoria, speak about the 16 Days and thank councils and NGOs for their achievements. Keep up the great work!

Evaluation

As a reminder, you **must** complete the final evaluation survey online **by 5pm Friday 18 December**. Here is the link to the [council evaluation survey](#) and the [NGO evaluation survey](#). You will have received an email with the survey link and a copy of the survey in PDF format so you can see the questions beforehand. Your responses will **not** be made available to the MAV or Respect Victoria.

We encourage you to provide rich details of your activities, including participation and reach, observations and learning, partnerships and collaborations, experience of backlash, and evidence of short-term impacts on people's awareness, attitudes and knowledge. This is a chance to build on the evidence base about what works and to compare findings to last year.

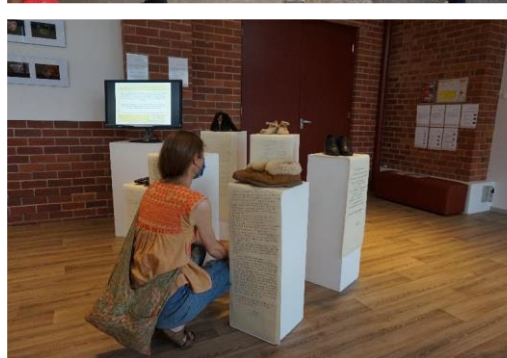
Effective Change, our independent evaluator, will also be interviewing a small number of councils and NGOs over the coming weeks to provide more qualitative data. Effective Change will do the data analysis over the holiday break and the evaluation report will be publicly available in March 2021.

Events and activities

- **Casey City Council's** 16 Days Launch Event – *Together We Can Change The Story* - featuring key note speaker, Natasha Stott Despoja, is available to [view on YouTube](#) until 18 December.
- **Court Network Victoria** held a morning tea to talk about gender equity and GBV and [tweeted](#) about it.
- **Melbourne City Council**, with **The Men's Project** at Jesuit Social Services, presented an online webinar and panel discussion [Pursuing Healthier Masculinities](#), on the last day of the campaign.
- **Moreland City Council** held active bystander online training in the workplace

setting on 8 December and promoted [community video statements](#) about respect on Facebook.

- **Mount Alexander Shire Council** held its *Respect: See It Through Exhibition* at the Phee Broadway Foyer in Castlemaine during the [16 Days](#). The event brought together visual art, community engagement and creative expression as a way to explore [gender narratives](#), gendered violence and social change (photos below).
- **Nillumbik Shire Council** in their final post for the 16 Days produced a [wonderful video](#) asking some local older women for their thoughts and reflections about what respect means to them.
- **Surf Coast Shire Council, Borough of Queenscliffe** and **Bellarine Community Health** featured in [Surf Coast Times](#).
- **WIRE** produced a blog on having [conversations about gender equity](#) in the community.
- **Women's Legal Service Victoria's** webinar "*Safety & Equality: the justice system's role in addressing violence against women*" is now available to [view online](#). Please note, the audio starts about a minute into the video.



Respect: See It Through Exhibition and Break the Chain Flash Dance Mob (Mt Alexander)

Photos and media coverage

Please remember to share photos with us by emailing them to 16dayscampaign@mav.asn.au – photos bring your activities to life and we want to showcase what you have been doing! Likewise, please share media coverage of your initiatives – this helps us to see the impact and coverage across the state.

Get in touch

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My email is 16dayscampaign@mav.asn.au and my number is 0437 798 913.

Many thanks
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