

Upcoming Events

Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (FVLSAC) is mindful of the escalating situation in relation to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We have contingency measures in place to ensure we can continue to deliver our core services to our clients. We are taking advice from our National Family Violence Prevention Legal Service Secretariat and also SA Health. At this stage we will continue to offer services from our local offices.

As you would appreciate, we work with some of the most vulnerable and potential high risk client cohorts from our three offices, and our immediate priority is to limit the exposure of these clients to the virus. We have taken the decision to cancel staff travel, delivery of events and activities for the immediate future. This will include any outreach. By taking these measures we aim to protect to protect our staff and clients.

Please keep up to date on our Facebook page for when our programs will resume.

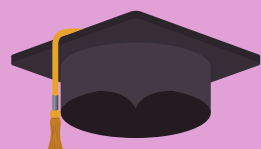
FVLSAC DIRECTORS

FVLSAC Directors are responsible for the oversight and strategic direction of FVLSAC. The FVLSAC Rule Book allows for two types of Directors.

At each AGM 6 Community Elected Directors are appointed by the members. These Community Elected Directors need to be members of the organisation and be nominated by another member. The terms of office for these Directors is 2 years.

During the year the Board may appoint 3 Board Appointed Directors. These Directors have the same voting rights as Member Elected Directors, don't have to be members and have a 2 year term of office. Board Appointed Directors are appointed to ensure that a range of skills for the organisation to operate as best as it can. At least one of the Board Appointed Directors must be a Lawyer and the other Directors can have skills and expertise in other areas including finance, governance, community development or regional affairs.

LAW STUDENT



My name is Olivia and I've recently spent three weeks at FVLSAC doing work experience as part of my law degree. I have been helping Carissa with a few different projects during my time here. My first project was putting together some Facebook posts for Ochre Ribbon Week. I put together seven Facebook posts with quotes from prominent Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander people who have spoken out against family violence. It is our hope that FVLSAC can use Social Media to create connections with other Community Legal Services and promote the great work of Family Violence Legal Services around Australia.

I also had lots of fun putting together a video reflection of the SHIELDS program run by Connie, Les and Tarlina at a local primary school in 2019. SHIELDS is a program teaching children about how to cope in difficult situations at home. The kids were all really engaged and gave great examples of how they'd help their friends if they were touched by violence or placed into Foster Care. I used videos of the students and pictures of their artwork to show how much we valued their engagement in the program. The team will take the video back to the school this year to remind them of the valuable skills that they learnt in the program.

I also had a great opportunity to sit in on a few client meetings and staff meetings whilst here at FVLSAC, which were really informative. A big thank you to Megan for letting me tag along with her and the wonderful clients for allowing me to observe. Thanks goes out to each and every one of you – I've enjoyed so much about my time here at FVLSAC and look forward to watching your great work in the future.



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Victims of Crime



Did you know FVLSAC can help with victims of crime claims?

What is Victims of Crime Compensation?

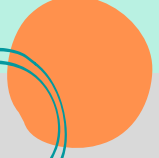
If you have been injured as a victim of crime, like family and domestic violence, assault, sexual assault or child sexual abuse, you might be able to apply for victims of crime compensation. A crimes compensation is for people who have been injured as a victim of crime. These payments are from the South Australian Government.

Who can apply?

You can apply for compensation if you have suffered injuries as a result of a crime being committed against you. The crimes might be things like assault, rape, unlawful sexual intercourse, sexual assault, child sexual abuse and family and domestic violence offences. Your injuries can be things like physical injuries (cuts, bruising, scarring, broken bones), psychological injuries (mental injuries like anxiety, depression, serious trauma or PTSD), pregnancy due to rape; and lost wages if you were working and your injuries stopped you from being able to work.

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 FVLSAC helped clients in Port Lincoln, Port Augusta and Ceduna claim \$240,000 in compensation.

We would like to help you or anyone you know claim compensation. Contact your local FVLSAC office to discuss your options.



Enjoy receiving the FVLSAC Newsletter? FVLSAC provides a copy of the newsletter to our members via the post every other month. Members and stakeholders with a current email address will start receiving our newsletter by email instead of snail mail, so watch out for it in your inbox!

If you would prefer to have a copy of our newsletter emailed please call 86831896 or email portlincoln@fvlsac.org.au and update your email address.



Ochre Ribbon Week



The Ochre Ribbon campaign came about when after losing a daughter to family violence, members of a Western Australian Aboriginal community came together determined to make an impact on family violence. They saw that it was essential to bring the whole community together, they knew that it was for male and female family members to contribute to the solution. It was a tough topic to start a conversation about family violence in Aboriginal communities, with support from the WA family violence prevention legal service, the Ochre Ribbon campaign was founded. From here, the idea for the Ochre Ribbon was created. The ochre colour of the earth reminds us of our connection as Aboriginal people to this land, the colour brown that symbolises our people and the powerful words that reiterate our message to stop violence.

FVLSAC marks Ochre Ribbon Day in Ceduna, Port Augusta and Port Lincoln each year from the 12 to 19 February. This year you may have seen on our Facebook page a number of posts with well known identifies highlighting some key messages.

Port Lincoln Ochre Ribbon Morning Tea

On Monday the 17th February FVLSAC hosted a morning tea for the community together with the Lincoln Gardens Hub. We gathered and yarned at the hub over a coffee and morning tea. Thank you to everyone who came out!

Port Augusta Ochre Ribbon Big Breakfast

Ochre Ribbon Big Breakfast was held on the 19th of February at the Port Augusta foreshore. We had well over 50 people attend and also some service providers. This was the only Ochre Ribbon event held in Port Augusta. A big thanks to everyone who came out and helped.

Ceduna Ochre Ribbon BBQ Breakfast

Ceduna held an Ochre Ribbon Community BBQ on the 19th of February 2020. The morning went well, with 120+ people coming through for a feed. We went through 10 kilo of sausages, 120 hamburgers & 18 loaves of bread! We worked with Centacare, Save the Children & Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service team. Thank you to all those who came out and those who helped.



Don't silence the violence

