

FVLSAC Board Directors

Following some changes in Board Directors, the current FVLSAC Board comprises:

- Maryanne Clements (Chair)
- Kym Chamberlain
- Lahn Mickan
- Jacinta Haseldine
- Katryne Miller
- Linda Davies
- Johanna Boylan
- Natasha Budinski

SAVE THE DATE!

The FVLSAC Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 11am.

Attendance at the AGM will be facilitated in the Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta offices and further details will be posted to members in October.



Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (SA) Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to Sophie and Megan who commenced as Solicitors with FVLSAC in September. They will be out and about in the next few months.



Lateral Violence – Lateral Love

Staff from the Port Augusta office facilitated Sista 2 Sista day in Whyalla on the 24th of September with a theme of Lateral Violence – Lateral Love. This is the second time Sista 2 Sista has been held in Whyalla, following a successful event in September 2018.

Held at the Central Whyalla Football and Sporting Club, thirty local ladies were pampered by Whyalla Holistic Healing Centre, with reflexology and haircuts, and enjoyed other activities such as weaving, nail art and painting.

With a focus on trying to strengthen and unite community, FVLSAC staff presented some information about lateral violence aiming to help community come up with a definition of lateral violence that is relevant to their lives and consider some examples of what lateral violence can look like in community.

Centacare and Headspace also gave presentations, with information stalls and services offered by AFSS from Port Augusta and Nunyara Health Service.

It is wonderful to see Sista 2 Sista events moving beyond our regular regions. Where there is interest and community support, we are able to expand the program to meet the needs of our communities. Watch out for Sista 2 Sista: Lateral Violence – Lateral Love coming next to Port Lincoln in October.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2019	NOVEMBER 2019	DECEMBER 2019
7th - Public Holiday	5th - Yalata Outreach	3rd - Yalata Outreach
8th - Yalata Outreach	11th - 14th Solicitor in Port Augusta	17th - Yalata Outreach
15th - Sista 2 Sista Port Lincoln		25th Christmas Day
14th - 17th – Solicitor in Port Augusta		
21st- 25th - Children's Week		
22nd - Yalata Outreach		
28th - 29th - Through Young Black Eyes Ceduna		



REMINDER!

Port Lincoln Sista 2 Sista will be held at Ravensdale Sporting Complex on the 15th of October at 10:00am



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Whats been happening?

SNAICC Conference



Five staff from across the region were among 1200 delegates who attended the SNAICC conference held in Adelaide in September.

SNAICC is the National Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children.

The theme of the conference was Growing Up with Strong Identity, Culture, and Connection.

One of the sessions featured Les, one of FVLSAC's solicitors presenting on Early Intervention and Prevention in a culturally safe and trauma informed service.

Les was able to talk about FVLSAC as part of the national network, highlight the work that we do and used a case study to demonstrate the legal service and support provided to a client.



SHIELDS PROGRAM

AT PORT LINCOLN

This new program is provided to children in years 5 to 7 and focuses on family survival skills and introduces the Kindness Crew who help kids find ways to look after themselves and each other.

Highlighted are some of the art work produced by participants in the program



Love Colours

Love Colours Yalata

Staff travelled to Yalata in August to complete the t-shirt presentations to community members who participated in the program about love and safety in relationships. Women involved used paintings to represent the messages of the program and selected a winning design that was made into a t-shirt. T-shirts were then presented to the participants. Pictured are the four designs selected by community and made into t-shirts and Yalata ladies modelling their t-shirts.



Family Violence Legal Service National Forum

Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation is one of 14 Family Violence Prevention Legal Services located across Australia and is part of a National Forum.

In July Tosha Sambo represented FVLSAC during a visit to Canberra. The National Forum met with a range of Politicians including the Hon Linda Burney. The meetings were a chance to inform decision makers about the role of Family Violence Legal Services and the way that they operate in each of our regional areas.

It is pleasing to see the release of the Fourth Action Plan, the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. It sets out an ambitious but practical agenda to achieve change and reduce domestic, family and sexual violence against women and their children across five priority areas.

FVLSAC is looking at opportunities to enhance our services by applying for funding during the roll out of the new action plan.

