

ATTACHMENT JW 1

This is the attachment marked "**JW 1**" referred to in the witness statement of Janine Madge Wilson dated 13 August 2015.

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Journey to Safety

STANDING FIRM FOR CHANGE – Barriers to Accessing Justice

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What is Meminar Ngangg Gimba?



- Meminar Ngangg Gimba - (Latji Latji: “Group of Women to dwell here”)
- Service response for Indigenous women and children experiencing family violence
- Local issues, local responses



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Overview of presentation

- The History and Local Involvement (Janine Wilson)
- Service Provider Haven Partnership – Meminar Ngangg Gimba (Kerry Ashley)



From plans to actions

10 Year Journey

- 2002: Victorian Government's Framework for the development of the Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Strategy
- **2003: Victorian Indigenous Family Violence Taskforce**
- 2005 Establishment of 11 Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Groups
- **2008: Victorian Indigenous 10 Year Plan, *Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families***
- 2009: Victorian Government funded 2 Indigenous women's responses – in Loddon Mallee & Gippsland regions
- **2010: Commencement of Interim services & employment of staff**
- 2012: Completion of Meminar Ngangg Gimba & opening of facility



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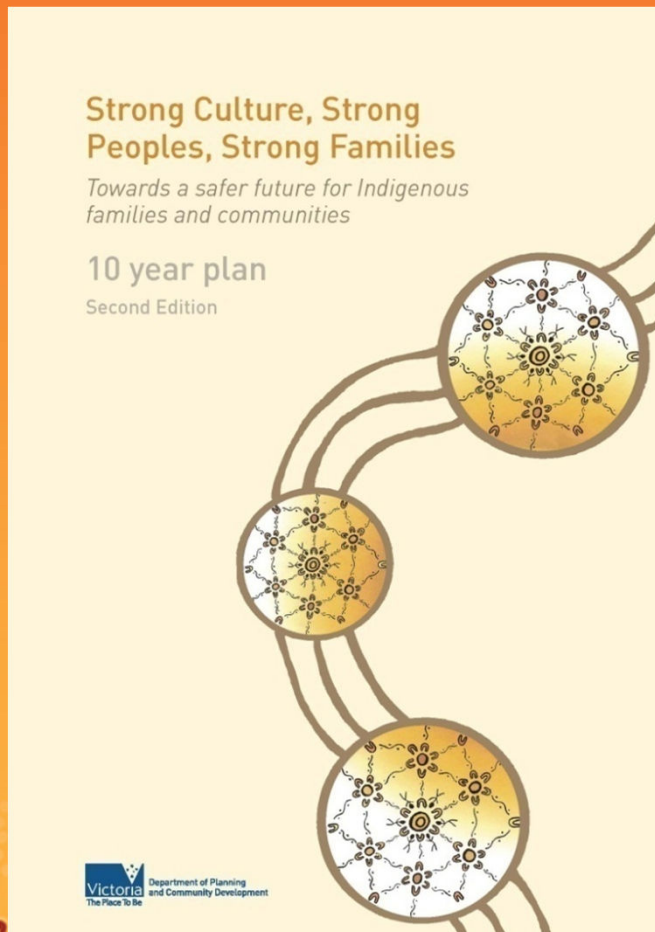
- On site support facility
- Six self contained units –
- 3 b/r, 2 b/r, 1 b/r (capacity to accommodate sm – lge families)
- CCTV security
- Staffed 24 hr/ 7 days week



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10 Year Plan - Objectives



- 1 Cultural Safety
- 2 Healthy Families
- 3 Education, Awareness, Prevention
- 4 Safety for Victims
- 5 Accountability
- 6 Healing
- 7 Service Capability
- 8 Research and Evaluation



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10 Year Plan Strategy 4.1

Improve access to and response of the service system for Indigenous victims of family violence.

Action 4.1.1

Improve access of Indigenous victims of family violence to a range of services including emergency accommodation and outreach services, 24 hour support and appropriate case management provided by Indigenous and mainstream services as part of crisis response.



Partnerships with Government

- High level Government commitment to the 10 Year Plan
- Government as an enabler
- Funding through NPA-H to support development of two Indigenous-specific accommodation & support services
- Mildura and Gippsland



Original Yield Design



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Respect in Partnership

- History of working in partnership with Aboriginal communities throughout the Loddon Mallee region of Victoria
- Privilege to be invited to partner with Regional Action Group
- Elder and community driven process – Haven a support vehicle
- Cultural Respect – always at the forefront



Service Provider: Haven

- HAVEN is a unique vertically integrated Homeless and Housing Service
- First Victorian Housing Association – own 1000 homes in Victoria
- Strong commitment to supporting those most in need – particularly those needing support to find stable housing.

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Service Model

- Individualized support
- Safety planning
- Court support
- Wellbeing
- Caring for kids
- Family work
- Relationship support

*Addressing Family Violence
is complex and a holistic approach is required.*



Challenges

- Whole of community response
 - Shared ownership - everyone to the table
 - Women welcomed regardless of familial connections
 - Working holistically
 - MNG central part of FV Response
- Partnerships / MOU's**
- Police Koori Protocols
 - Closer respectful connection with other FV services
 - Connection to a range of Aboriginal and Mainstream support services



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- Staffing at Meminar
 - ❖ Team leader
 - ❖ 2 Case managers
 - ❖ Intake/ Community Engagement Worker
 - ❖ Children's Worker
 - ❖ Family worker
 - ❖ 2 week overnight staff
 - ❖ 1 Week end Day staff
 - ❖ Rostered staff - backfill



Current Status

- Officially opened to take in referrals to facility 1st Oct 2012
- Provide in-house and outreach case management
- Statewide service capacity
- Referral pathway
- Building partnerships with men's behavioral change programs & services



Our vision realised



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Traditional Ceremonial Smoking



Questions

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