

## Family Violence

There is a well known proverb - It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted! This sums up family violence with a lot more concerns. Alcohol has always been, and in more recent years drugs also, have been, on their own or a combination of both, contributing factors in family violence. These scourges are to blame in 95% or more of cases.

Governments and authorities are solely to blame for the problem. Going back many years, the powers that be, decided that Australia could be like a lot of other countries, with extended liquor hours, and be a more sociable society with after work hours relaxed drinking times. So extended hours happened, and have been allowed to increase many times, so now they are into morning time at week-ends.

But Australians generally cannot control the amount of liquor they drink, and consume amounts that makes them drunk and in a lot of cases also become aggressive, and if there are women and children involved, the violence rears its ugly head in homes. As it has turned out, the extended alcohol sales hours has caused this terrible increase in violence. Governments and authorities will not admit it is their problem because there is so much money in excises, taxes - call it whatever - for them to ever reduce the hours of trading. Hotels and nightclubs would also complain, because to cater for larger crowds at their establishments, they have spent large amounts of money increasing the sizes of their premises to, cater for the larger crowds.

In the vast majority of cases it is the male who is the violator. I did not say man or men on purpose, because for a male to cause violence to any woman or children, they are nothing but animals. But then animals don't attack their own species like males do. They are cowards of the worst kind for various reasons. In the majority of cases, women and children are smaller in stature. Women and children are supposed to be protected by the male.

When these scum face court, they should be dealt with like the majority of decent people would hope, and receive prison terms, not ~~prison~~ suspended sentences like happens far too often. Governments should stop squandering money like they do to stay in power, and build more jails for these scum. Building more jails would be money well spent. Don't take notice of the do-gooder's call for leniency - instead listen to the concerns of the big majority of law abiding citizens for a change.

It is an interesting fact that governments and authorities announced only a few short years ago that family violence was an issue, but the majority of people have known about it for many years, but no action was taken. Over the last few months the powers that be have had meetings and seminars etc, about the problem - talk, talk, talk, all the while the problem is getting worse. I have said more than once on talk-back radio that I believe nothing much will change until violence is committed against someone belonging to someone in authority. Currently there is too much money in taxes on alcohol sales for governments to reduce hours of sales, which would help reduce drunkenness and therefore family violence. With drugs, sometimes the authorities are not as active as they

could be.

There is too much notice taken of people, maybe with a qualification of some sort, and very little experience, as opposed to people with a lot of experience, but no letters after their name.

Who is more knowledgeable?

I have more than 60 years experience in the outside world and I am extremely proud to say there is NO VIOLENCE in our family!

No alcohol or drug abuse!

There is another well known verse, "Nothing ever stays the same, either we are getting better or we are getting worse."

Unfortunately, with family violence the latter applies.

Feel free to make contact with me.

