



INTEGRATED FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES
Women, Men and Children
Goulburn Executive Committee

Family Violence is not part of our culture
a message from the *Hume Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group*

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Goulburn Family Violence Executive to present free community information sessions in Shepparton.

The Goulburn Family Violence Executive are delighted to again offer a series of monthly community information sessions about family violence.

On 21 June at 8.00am at FamilyCare in Welsford Street, Shepparton, the Goulburn Family Violence Executive are presenting a free community information session about the rollout of the Specialist Family Violence Court in Shepparton. The session will help you to understand more about how the purpose-built facility and specially trained family violence team will help improve the court experience for people who are there on a family violence-related matter.

The specialist family violence court will connect the court and community in Shepparton to make court hearings more efficient with better support for families who have experienced violence so that they are more connected with other community services.

Information about local services will also be available.

For more information or to register call reception on 5823 7059.

If you or anyone you know needs immediate help with family violence call 000 or for some advice contact Safe Steps on www.safesteps.org.au or call 1800 015 188

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More information:

Family Violence statistics

- One in three women has experienced physical violence since the age of 15. Almost one in five has experienced sexual violence.
- Almost 17 per cent of women in Australia have experienced violence by a partner.
- On average, one woman is killed every week at the hands of their partner.
- Violence against women and their children doesn't just have a human cost. The economic cost to Australia is around \$13.6 billion each year. Without action, this will rise to 15.6 billion by 2022.