

City of Port Phillip Family Violence Commitment Statement



City of Port Phillip Commitment Statement on Family Violence

The City of Port Phillip acknowledges the prevalence and impact of violence against women and children in the community. Council views violence against women and children as a serious human rights abuse. It recognises the wide ranging and damaging impact that it has on the lives of those affected and on the community as a whole.

The City of Port Phillip is dedicated to upholding principles of social justice and equity. These principles are enshrined in the City of Port Phillip Social Justice Charter and are an integral part of Council's vision to achieve an engaged, healthy, resilient and vibrant city.

The City of Port Phillip therefore pledges its commitment to working towards a community culture where all women and children are protected from violence. This includes:

- Generating ownership and responsibility across the whole community for preventing violence against women and children
- Partnering with community and government organisations to promote an understanding of the link between gender inequity and violence against women and children
- Upholding principles of gender equity in mainstream council operations, strategies, policies and service delivery
- Advocating for gender equity principles and practices to be upheld across the community in a broad range of settings including but not limited to workplaces, recreation, education and social arenas.
- Promoting healthy and positive relationships between men and women across Council and the community
- Advocating for a stronger and more coordinated service response for women and children affected by family violence, including both justice and legal responses as well as community support services
- Recognising the link between family violence and homelessness and advocating for the Victorian government to address Victoria's shortage of affordable housing