



TANGENTYERE
WOMEN'S FAMILY SAFETY GROUP
"Strong Women, Strong Families"



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency...000

Police Assistance
Line...131 444

TANGENTYERE:

Night Patrol...

1800 133 110

Family Violence

Prevention Pro-

grams...

08 8952 1430

24hr Women's
Shelter...

08 8952 6075

Public Housing
Safety Officers...

131 444

24hr Counseling...
1800 737 7328

CATT Team...
1800 682 288

Life Line...131 144

Parents Line...
1300 30 1300

Headspace...
1800 659388

Reminder:
Take
Care of
Myself

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STORIES OF HOPE AND HEALING

TANGENTYERE WOMEN'S FAMILY SAFETY GROUP



(L-R) Rosemary Rubuntja, Doris O'Brien, Louise Abbott, Barbara Shaw, Shirleen Campbell, Helen Gillen (back), Sadie Richards, Marlene Hayes, Loraine Pepperill.
Photo credit Anna Cadden

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) have been working hard on a project to record "Town Camp Women's Stories of Hope and Healing" during the month of September.

The project is in its infancy and has been supported by RMIT University Master's of Social Work Student Hana Hall-Emms.

All of the Women in the core governance group of the TWFSG (pictured above) have recorded their stories and the TWFSG are now looking to record more stories of Town Camp Women who complete the Family Safety Training.

The plan for this project is to collect enough stories and images to hold an exhibition and produce a book which will be for sale to support the work of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group STAY TUNED! The stories will also be used to:

- Be shared and inspire other women;
- Show women supporting each other;
- Recognise and celebrate women's stories, strengths and achievements;

The TWFSG has worked to ensure Free Prior Informed Consent throughout this entire process and this will continue throughout all of our processes.

Free - consent is freely and willing given without coercion or manipulation.

Prior - meaningful, informed consent is given well in advance of any activity being undertaken.

Informed - the process must involve consultation and active participation by people potentially affected with full disclosure of all relevant information in an accessible and understandable form

Consent - to give permission or to allow something to be done having given consideration to relevant issues.

If you have any questions or you are a Town Camp Women who would like to get involved in this project, please contact Carmel Simpson carmel.simpson@tangentyere.org.au 0411 955 837



Highly Commended Award at the Australasian Council of Women and Policing Awards

Congratulations to the ENTIRE Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group for all of their ongoing work and in the area of Family Safety.

On Monday 12th September the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) was awarded a joint Highly Commended Award with the NT Police in the category of **Excellence in Law Enforcement for Women Initiative** at the Australasian Council of Women and Policing Awards. Maree

Corbo (Tangentyere Family Violence Prevention Program Manager), Shirleen Campbell and Marlene Hayes (TWFSG Core Group Members) attended the Awards dinner in Melbourne to receive the Award with Senior Sergeant Melinda Edwards and Assistant Police Commissioner Jeanette Kerr of the NT Police. This Award was open to an individual, unit or agency in Australia, New Zealand or Pacific who has improved policing for women.

<http://acwap.com.au/awards/excellence-in-law-enforcement-for-women-initiative-award/>



(ABOVE L-R) Assistant Police Commissioner Jeanette Kerr, Marlene Hayes and Shirleen Campbell (TWFSG Core Governance Group Members), Senior Sergeant Melinda Edwards at the Australasian Council of Women and Policing Awards held in Melbourne 12 September 2016.

BELOW: (L-R) Lekita Malbunka, Janella Ebatarinja, Anna Ebatarinja and Blanche Ebatarintja.

TWFSG present at a Global Indigenous Conference

Conference's primary aim and goal is to work towards stopping all forms of family and domestic violence, not only in Indigenous communities but in the general community. The conference endeavours to establish a global network for the sharing of information on Domestic Violence which was of great benefit to the TWFSG representatives but also gave the TWFSG representatives a chance to share their work from Central Australia with to a very interested, receptive and diverse audience of conference attendees.

Louise Abbott, Doris O'Brien, Connie Shaw and Rosemary Rubuntja Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) Core Governance Members along with Maree Corbo (Tangentyere Family Violence Prevention Program Manager), Barbara Shaw and Carmel Simpson (Co co-ordinators of the TWFSG) attended the *Global Indigenous Say No To Family & Domestic Violence Conference* on 14th – 16th September 2016 Adelaide, South Australia. The *Global Indigenous Say No To Family & Domestic Violence*



(ABOVE L-R) Trudy L. Lavallee (Executive Director, Ikwe Widdjitiwin Inc. CANADA), Connie Shaw, Rosemary Rubuntja, Doris O'Brien, Louise Abbott (TWFSG Core Governance Group Members) and Barbara Shaw (Co Coordinator TWFSG) at the *Global Indigenous Say No To Family & Domestic Violence Conference* on 14th – 16th September 2016 Adelaide, South Australia.

Family Violence Prevention Training at Yarrenyty-Arltere



On the 26th and 27th September, nine women from Yarrenyty Arltere (Larapinta Town Camp), Janet Ebatarinja, Josie Ebatarinja, Lekita Malbunka, Anna Ebatarinja, Blanche Ebatarinja, Janella Ebatarinja, Celissa Charles, Roxanne Patrick and Faye Ebatarinja attended the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Groups Family Violence Prevention Training. Community members from Yarrenyty Arltere requested the training and have since requested that there be a young people's training, a men's training session

and a follow up session for those community members who missed out on 1 or both days of training.

This 2 day training covers:

Definition of family violence, Forms of violence, discussing perpetrators use of power and control, cycle of violence through the eyes of men, women and children, the Rights of women and children, Safety of women and children, smoke-screens, warning signs of an abusive man, high risk indicators, safety planning, referrals.