



**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 Pre- vention Programs...**

**08 8952 1430**

#### **24hr Women's Shel- ter...**

**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**



**WHEN WOMEN  
SUPPORT OTHER  
WOMEN,  
INCREDIBLE  
THINGS HAPPEN!**

# Tangentyere

## Women's Family Safety Group

### Newsletter

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### Welcoming Shirleen Campbell as Co-Coordinator!

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group have recruited to the position of Co-Coordinator and with great excitement would like to welcome Shirleen Campbell to this role! Shirleen is a founding member of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Governance Group and has taken this position on following Barbara Shaw's leave to take on a position with The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory. It has been a busy start to the year with training in Family Violence Prevention being undertaken at Karnte Camp, St Mary's and Yirara College, presentations at Conferences in Cairns and Alice Springs, the TWFSG having a private audience with the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and filming for a project on recording women's Stories of Hope and Healing.

If you have any questions about the work of the TWFSG please contact Shirleen Campbell or Carmel Simpson on (08) 8952 1430



### United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.

On Monday the 20th February 2017, The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group hosted a meeting with Dr Dubravka Šimonović (United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women) and Nathalie Stadelmann (Human Rights Officer, Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) as part of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Emma Cooper (Australian Government escort: Adviser, Women's Safety, Office for Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet). The Special Rapporteur are experts who work for the United Nations to promote the human rights of people around the world and they work to improve people's lives.

The Special Rapporteurs do research and investigate special issues in different countries. Some of these issues include:

- Violence against women
- Health
- Indigenous peoples

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group had the opportunity to present some of the work being done by the Tangentyere Family Violence Prevention Team (Men's Behaviour Change Program (MBCP), the Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service (DVSCS) and the Tangentyere Women's

Family Safety Group (TWFSG) in the area of Violence Prevention and Early Intervention.

#### What are the Rapporteur's responsibilities?

- Receive information on violence against women from organisations, government, other groups, and individuals.
- Recommend ways to eliminate violence against women
- Work with other special rapporteurs and sections of the United Nations

The Special Rapporteur also visits countries to learn about their policies and programs and writes reports about her findings. The Special Rapporteur presents these reports to the United Nations. The United Nations uses this information to suggest global change and improve people's lives.

The TWFSG would like to thank the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for organising this very valuable meeting.



**Dr Dubravka Šimonović and Nathalie Stadelmann  
with the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety  
Governance Group.**

## Meeting with The Hon Dale Wakefield MLA | Minister for Territory Families



Previous catch up with Minister Wakefield and TWFSG members Helen Gillen and Gwen Gillen.

On the 9th February, the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) met with the The Honorable Dale Wakefield MLA, Minister for Territory Families. This meeting was a chance for the TWFSG to present and discuss the TWFSG's work plans for the remainder of the 2016-2017 financial year. The TWFSG receives its funding through the Department of Territory Families and was very thankful to have

received extended funding at the end of 2016 to the middle of 2017.

The TWFSG have a strong history of working alongside the Government of the day and are very excited to see the issue of women's and children's safety in the Northern Territory be a priority focus area for the current Northern Territory Government.

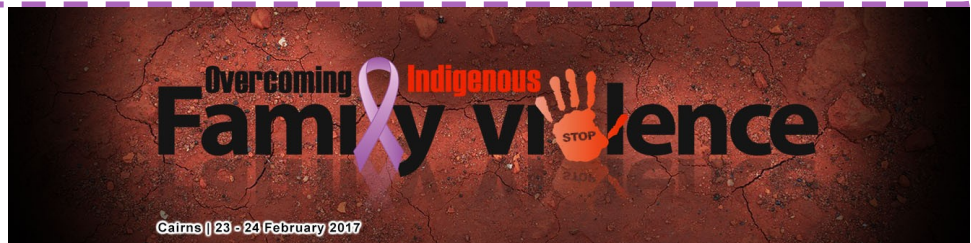
The TWFSG will be continuing to provide Family Violence Prevention and Family Safety Training to Town Camp Women and Non-Government Organisations and their staff. If anyone has any questions about any of the work that the TWFSG undertake, please contact us on (08) 08) 8952 1430

### Upcoming training dates:

1. St Mary's  
(Tangentyere  
Employment Services)  
27 & 28 March 2017
2. Larapinta Community  
Centre  
3 & 4 April 2017

More training dates available in April and May upon request. Contact Carmel Simpson on 0411955837 or [carmel.simpson@tangentyere.org.au](mailto:carmel.simpson@tangentyere.org.au) for more details.

MEETING BETWEEN  
TWFSG AND THE  
ROYAL COMMISSION  
STAFF.



Shirleen Campbell (Co- Coordinator of the TWFSG), Sadie Richards (Member of the TWFSG) and Maree Corbo (Tangentyere Family Violence Prevention Program (TFVPP) Manager) presented at the "Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Conference" in Cairns in February 23-24th 2017. The presentation made Shirleen, Sadie and Maree focused on the work of the TFVPP (Men's Behaviour Change Program and the Domestic Violence Specialist Children's Service) and showcased

resources made in these programs that open up conversations about strengths of Aboriginal communities, the role of men and women in standing up against family and domestic violence and resources that assist service providers working with women who experience family and domestic violence to understand the complexity and pressures that those women are experiencing in all of their lives. If you have any questions about any of these resources, please contact Carmel Simpson: 0411955837.

## The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory



The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) have been following with great interest and personal investment, the work of the The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory. February 15th 2017, the TWFSG met with Barbara Shaw to talk about the work of The Royal Commission and how people can give evidence and find out more information. The TWFSG Core Governance Members are mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts of children in the care and protection of the Northern Territory Government and as such are emotionally invested in the findings of this Royal Commission. Thank you to Barbara Shaw for organising this visit.