

GLOVE Project Bendigo and Loddon

What do we want to get out of this project?

This project is essentially about getting the issue of violence against women on the local agenda by working with council.

This is our opportunity to get recognition and response to the issue of violence against women (sexual assault and family violence) from both councils and to develop an integrated response with roles for council and community organisations. This is described in the evaluation model for the project where we want to see:

- At the local level, organisations, spheres of government and community members are working together *effectively* to respond to and prevent violence against women
- Local Government in partnership with communities and other spheres of government recognises the impact *and gender dimensions* of VAW and are working to address this across all policy, planning and service delivery roles

We need to keep thinking about what this looks like for us in Bendigo and Loddon. Is it more programs in schools? Is it more community education to men in sports clubs, is it focussed around white ribbon day, can we take ideas for other local governments, can we take ideas from the WHLM sowing the seeds of change program in the Mallee?

Who is involved in the project?

- CASA (Eileen Oates new manager commencing soon): need to keep the IFVS consortium and IFVS advisory group advised of progress with the project
- Shire of Loddon: Trish Rodgers, Brett Eastwood
- COGB: Mark Powell
- Bendigo Safe Community Forum: Mark Powell and also chairperson
- Bendigo Loddon PCP: Jeanette Grant, possibly HP working group chair as GLOVE is in the Community Health Plan health promotion section
- Bendigo Family Violence Prevention Working Group: Community Legal Centre convening this: Peter Noble and Steve

What has happened so far?

In Bendigo:

- Have done mapping of what's in place at local level
- Carolyn provided briefing to council (March 07) in context of Safe Community Forum Briefing
- Bendigo Family Violence Prevention Working Group has GLOVE as one of two strategic focus for work plan
- Priority in BL PCP community health plan
- Briefing to CASA staff at planning day May 07
- Reducing violence against women is priority for Bendigo Safe Community Forum (strategy launched June 07)

In Loddon

- Workshop with councillors, community members and service providers in Dec 06.
- Presentation to Loddon Service Provider's Network May 2007
- Allocation of funds from PCP to undertake evaluation for cost benefit analysis of local violence prevention program
- Idea for information on VAW in Loddon to be developed for community meetings in development of next round of community plans, with council to allocate some funds for identified local initiatives for violence prevention.

What would help us keep the project more focussed in Bendigo and Loddon?

- A current list of contacts and group email list saved by all participants for quick distribution of information.
- A schedule of meetings (every 2 months?) for all Bendigo and Loddon GLOVE participants.
- Regular updates provided to the Loddon Campaspe Integrated Family Violence Advisory Group.
- Project updates to go in BL PCP newsletter

What's planned next?

Two things to keep in mind:

- who the project needs to target in order to bring about the desired change or outcomes sought and
- what these people need to be doing differently (changes in practice) in order to achieve the project outcomes

Activity	Who	When
Evaluation workshop to bring all participants together	Mark and Trish to work with Melb Uni project team to organise a 2 hour session for all participants so clear about what want to see in Bendigo and Loddon by end of project and know how we will be able to describe the changes that have occurred (project impacts)	To take place in September if possible
Violence prevention forum in Bendigo	Jointly hosted by Bendigo Family Violence Prevention Working Group and Bendigo Safe Community Forum. Mark liaise with staff from Marybrinong as their format we very successful.	October 2007
Evaluation and cost benefit analysis for Loddon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project identified for evaluation • Project brief developed for project worker (possible to recruit from a local service?) • Evaluation methodology designed based on ideas from manual¹ 	Loddon council staff, CASA manager to work on this.	October-December 2007
Prepare info packs for community plans in Loddon	Loddon staff and CASA manager	Ready by November 2007
Briefing to Loddon Councillors	CASA manager and Loddon staff	
Brief to Bendigo Councillors	CASA manager, Safe Community Forum Chair	After Bendigo workshop
Updates to LC IFVS advisory group	CASA manager to provide	bi-monthly
Develop integrated strategy for PCP members	PCP HP working group, all GLOVE participants	Part of review of first 12 months of IHP
Keep all project partners/participants informed and motivated	CASA manager Project updates to go in PCP newsletter	
Keep learning from what others are doing	All...attend advisory group meetings, keep up with emails from Melb uni team. Keep an eye on the GLOVE website	
Evaluate local progress	MOU signatories: CASA and councils	Updates and final report 2008

¹ Making the Case for Domestic Violence Prevention Through the Lens of Cost Benefit

