



2023

Dear Friend of OVIS,

I am happy to invite friends new and old to read our latest newsletter. In each newsletter we will update the friends of OVIS with stories about our work, the organisations and the donors who support us and we will keep you informed of any upcoming events and fundraisers. Enjoy reading...

Well, 2022 was a whirlwind, but we are set now to work towards clearly defined goals for 2023 and beyond!

2023 is set to be another big year, and we look forward to working with you all to support all people to have a future free from violence and abuse.

First a quick look back at 2022...

The Acton | Belle Property Mandurah - C & R OVIS Charity Golf Day

An event like The Acton|Belle Property Mandurah - C & R OVIS Charity Golf day would not mean anything without the people, both in attendance and supporting us, behind the scenes. **That's you.**

Each of you have been an integral part of the success of the event and on behalf of the team and our clients, we extend our sincere gratitude.

As you can imagine it is not easy for a small charity like ours to throw a fancy event. We simply do not have that kind of budget. It is only because of our generous sponsors that we could host such a special event, without diverting vital funds away from our service delivery. We're grateful to all the individuals and local businesses who contributed.

Acton | Belle Property Mandurah is home to a powerhouse team of sales consultants, auctioneers, property managers and rural experts, ready to achieve exceptional outcomes for its loyal customers because they are passionate about their local community.

Led by long-term real estate veteran Graeme Baxter, the dedicated and professional team are true local specialists with a proven track record for achieving premium prices for sellers and landlords across Mandurah, the Peel Region, the Serpentine Foothill and everything in between.

Total amount raised - \$61,166.44



The Acton | Belle Property Mandurah - C & R OVIS Charity Golf Day Sponsors & Donors

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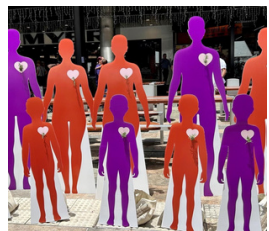
- Jill Mather
- Jim Murphy
- Joan Aggis
- Mike Dworkin
- Michael Summers
- Wendy Wiley

You have made a real difference to our survivors!

Official Opening of 16 Days in WA

“16 Days in WA” to Stop Violence Against Women, is a campaign which runs from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December 2022 (International Human Rights Day). In its sixth year, “16 Days in WA” hoped to drive a change in behaviour, attitudes and culture that leads to violence against women and their children and also to raise awareness, while increasing positive actions and highlighting organisations, agencies, communities and individuals working to end violence against women.

Family and domestic violence does not discriminate. It impacts many people in the community – women, men and children of all ages and backgrounds.



Red Shoe Exhibition

This year, WA Museum Boola Bardip hosted Red Shoes Australia's first-ever installation as part of WA's annual 16 Days in WA: Stop Violence Against Women campaign. With one woman losing their life to gender-based violence in Australia every week, the aim of the Red Shoes installation is to provide a visual representation of the lives lost and a reminder of the continued need for reform around this critical issue.

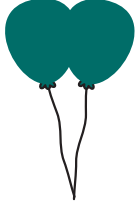


Peel Silent March

The Peel Silent March, held on the 2nd of December 2022, was a very moving way to honour all those who have lost their lives to family and domestic violence, to call for prevention, protection and support for those who survive; and to raise awareness of 16 Days in WA.

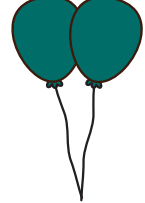
The event was organised by Allambee Counselling, OVIS Community Services and Peel Says No to Violence and commenced with guest speakers at Mewburn Gardens followed by a dignified silent procession to the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre where the event was concluded with morning tea provided by Soroptimist International Mandurah.





Pinjarra Women's Centre

Official Opening



OVIS officially opened the Pinjarra Women's Centre on the 24 October, 2022 and we would like to thank everyone who attended the event. Seeing each of you there and having so much support made the event successful and memorable. Pinjarra Women's Centre provides place based service for women and children in the Pinjarra and surrounding areas. As well as an FDV advocate on site, the Centre offers a place for specialist community services to co-locate and provide wrap around support and assistance to women and children with matters including but not limited to FDV, legal, financial, mental health and AOD. The Centre also runs groups and workshops, offers a community pantry, community library and free access to a computer. Daily drop-ins from 9 am - 12 pm.



Pinjarra Women's Centre

Open Day

OVIS hosted an Open Day of our Pinjarra Women's Centre for the Pinjarra and wider Peel community to come and have a look around and chat to relevant services, on the 6 December as part of the '16 Days in WA'.

The Open Day had great giveaways, competitions and gift bags and we would like to thank the following people and services who attended the event: Robyn Clarke MLA, Bendigo Bank Pinjarra, Waroona Community Resource Centre, GP Down South, Peel Community Legal Service, Money Mentors, Neami National, The Murray Library and the Lions Club of Pinjarra who provided lunch a tasty lunch to all.





Waroona High Tea



On the 28 November 2022 the Waroona Community Resource Centre hosted a wonderful high tea to raise awareness in their community of 'The 16 days in WA' campaign.

Thank you to Waroona Community Resource Centre and to all of the services that attended this day.



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Worthy Australia

We have a wonderful success story to share with a family exiting one of our refuges into long term, stable accommodation after an extended period at the refuge and with many attempts to gain accommodation. The house was fully furnished by Worthy Australia, setting the family up completely. The family have now settled into their new area, feeling safe and supported in the community. Thank you so much Worthy Australia for this amazing, life changing gift to this family, we are very grateful!

Worthy Australia is a Perth based, not for profit organisation that provides support to women and children who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence. The volunteers at Worthy Australia turn empty houses into beautiful fully furnished homes for families leaving domestic violence refuges.



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Acton|Belle Mandurah Property Charity Auction

On 10th December 2022, Acton|Belle Mandurah Property auctioned the Emma Blyth painting 'Where the Outback meets the Sea'. The painting sold for an incredible \$2,000.00 all of which was donated to OVIS! We are so grateful for everything that you have done to help support OVIS support the Peel Community!



Mandurah Filipino-Australian Multicultural Community Incorporated (MFAMCI)

The Mandurah Filipino-Australian Multicultural Community Incorporated (MFAMCI) invited OVIS to their Christmas celebration at the Mandurah Senior's Centre on the 17 December, 2022. It was a wonderfully organised and well-run event and we were honoured to receive a \$250 donation towards our Christmas Appeal for the families in our refuges. An incredibly generous and humbling donation - thank you!



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Christmas Donations

We were completely humbled by the support we received to our Christmas Appeal. We thank everyone who donated. Your contribution made the festive period so special for the women and children that we support.



Mandurah Catholic College

The Leaders of St Joseph's faction at Mandurah Catholic College led by Mr Richard Lacey created, facilitated and ran a fantastic cupcake sale where they raised a huge \$1,207.00 for OVIS. Well done St Joseph's and thank you, what an amazing effort!

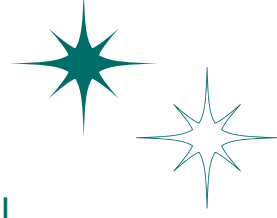


Coodanup College

The Goals for Girls class at Coodanup College gave OVIS staff a wonderful, informative presentation led by Ms Laura Gray McQueen, on their amazing creations of handmade care packages for the ladies in the Warlang Bidi & Pat Thomas Refuges. Well done to this class and thank you, what an amazing effort!



Community Pantry Appeal



Your donation to our Food Pantry Appeal will greatly help the local Peel community!

OVIS Community Services is the leading provider of family and domestic violence services in the Peel region. Our services include Pat Thomas Refuge, Warlang Bidi Therapeutic Refuge, Pinjarra Women's Centre, Community Services (DV support, brief intervention and case management), Community Outreach Services (DV support, brief intervention and case management to the wider regional Peel area), Education Services and Transitional Housing. Sadly each year, OVIS supports over 1000 women in the Peel region. Every day our staff work tirelessly to create a future for all people which is free from violence and abuse.

We are requesting donations of:

- School lunch snacks & spreads
- Long life milk, breakfast foods
- Pasta/Rice, tinned food & quick meals
- Toiletries
- Women's sanitary products
- Babies Nappies

Or to donate directly to us, please see below

To donate using PayPal simply scan the code with your camera, click on the link & enter the amount you wish to pay.

or if you would prefer to directly deposit a donation:

OVIS Community Services

BSB: 633 000

ACCOUNT: 150 783 041



Your donation means that we can help members of the Peel region who are going through some of the hardest times of their lives. With a monetary donation we can provide shelter to survivors and their children who are escaping violence, we can provide gifts to kids who may otherwise not receive any and we can provide hampers to people who are struggling to afford even basic meals.

**Your donations are enormously appreciated
because they really do give hope where it is needed most.**



Upcoming Training...

Family and Domestic Violence Community Response Training

In partnership with the City of Mandurah, OVIS is proud to present training for community organisations and businesses within the City of Mandurah.

This training will provide knowledge on Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) and support organisations to recognise the warning signs, respond appropriately, and safely refer victim-survivors who are impacted by FDV.

This training will support the Mandurah community to prevent the future impacts of family and domestic violence on people of all genders, ages, cultures and communities.

Flexible training options are available.

**To register your interest and
book a training session, please
call 9520 8627 or
email education@ovis.org.au**

Family and Domestic Violence Community Response Training for Real Estate - 4 CPD Points

In partnership with the Real Estate Institute of Western Australia (REIWA), OVIS is proud to present a first of its kind training.

This training will provide essential knowledge to Licensed Agents, Property Managers and other interested parties on recognizing the warning signs, responding appropriately, and safely referring victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to relevant services.

You will gain a better understanding of how to apply legislation to ensure tenants are safe and provided with the best care and response, while reducing the impacts of homelessness and housing on vulnerable families.

**To book into our first training visit the
REIWA members training page.**

Thursday 2 March 2023

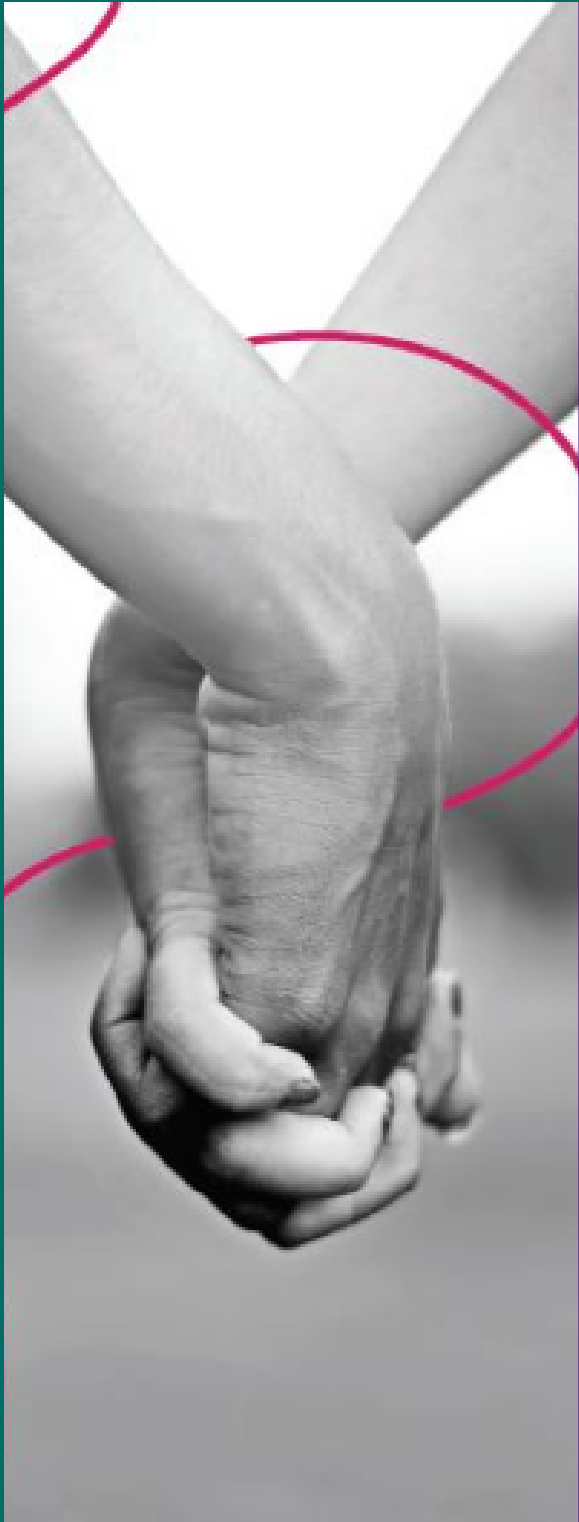
8.30 am - 12.30 pm



Upcoming ...

Empowering Women's Breakfast

29 March 2023



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Inspiring Safety.

Save the Date

Empowering Women's Breakfast

The breakfast will feature inspiring and thought-provoking speakers. The breakfast will focus on sharing stories and experiences that empower and encourage women.

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2023

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 am

Venue: Mandurah Offshore Fishing
& Sailing Club

Upcoming ...

Empower Happy Hour

Wednesday 15 February 2023

5 - 7 pm @ WOTSO Mandurah

ICONIC
WEALTH

This event is open to all and aimed at connecting small business women, professional women, retired women, anyone looking to make a difference.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with other positive, energetic people in an informal setting. Our speaker for this event, Karen Boyce, is a specialist in project development, business strategy and risk management. She will be sharing her career progression over 25 years in the mining and energy environment. Nibbles and a glass of complimentary bubbles provided.

Empower Happy Hour is sponsored by Iconic Wealth with 100% of the event proceeds going to OVIS Community Services/Pat Thomas Refuge and tickets are available at [here](#).



Soroptimist International Mother's Day Champagne Afternoon Tea

Saturday 13 May 2023

1 - 3.30 pm @ The Sebel Mandurah

Celebrate mum this Mother's Day with a special Champagne Afternoon Tea at The Sebel on Saturday 13 May.

We look forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you and your family.

More detail about this great event will be on our social media channels, as they are released. Make sure you are following [@soroptimistinternationalofmandurah](#) & [@oviscommunityservices](#) to avoid disappointment as these events sell out quickly.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to OVIS Community Services.



2023 International Women's Day Luncheon

In partnership with the City of Mandurah, Soroptimist International of Mandurah Presents

2023 International Women's Day Luncheon

This year's International Women's Day theme is

“Innovation for Gender Equality in the Future”

and the following inspiring guest speakers will be addressing this theme:

Eleanor Britton, Business Development Manager – GP Down South

Jessica Vati, Co-ordinator / Youth Support Worker – Street Net

Natasha Upcott, Principal of Mandurah Primary School

Date: Friday 3 March 2023

Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm

Venue: The Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club
115 Breakwater Drive, Mandurah

Dress: Smart Casual (Purple, Green or White)

Tickets: The ticket price of \$65 includes a two-course sit down lunch
Tickets available at <http://si-mandurah.tidyhq.com> or
email Wendy at wwiley@live.com.au no later than Monday 27 February 2023

Imagine a gender equal world.
A world free of bias, stereotypes,
and discrimination. A world that is
diverse, equitable, and inclusive.
A world where difference is valued
and celebrated. Together we can
forge women's equality.
Collectively we can all
BreakTheCode

Raffles and door prizes available on the day with proceeds going to local charities in the Peel and Mandurah Regions

Find out more www.siswp.org/club-finder/199-mandurah

**Support our cause
simply by saving.**

Beyond Bank
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By saving your money in a Beyond Bank Community Reward Account linked to OVIS Community Services you will help us raise funds for the women and children in our refuges in an annual donation. The more you save, the more money that Beyond Bank gives, at no cost to you. Open a Community Reward Account at the West Leederville branch, or visit this link - [Beyond Bank Community Rewards Savings account](#).

Beyond Bank is 100% customer-owned bank. They believe that communities are stronger when everyone works together. We've partnered with them in their Community Reward program, which supports local causes with a share of over \$600,000 each year. Some organisations receive more than \$20,000 annually, thanks to their supporters participating in the program. We need your help! The more supporters who open a savings account at Beyond Bank and link it to us, the more money we receive from Beyond Bank.

If you are not sure call the team at Beyond Bank on 13 25 85 or watch this video - [Beyond Bank Community Rewards YouTube](#)

Pinjarra Women's Centre



A number of service providers will be offering specialist services at Pinjarra Women's Centre

Services can provide support in the following areas:

- Financial counselling
- Legal advice
- Counselling
- Youth services
- Parenting support and workshops
- Family and domestic violence
- Housing support

Program provided by



BUNURU - FEBRUARY & MARCH
One of the six Aboriginal seasons, the hottest part of the year, also known as the Season of Adolescence

OVIS Community Services acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of this country and its waters. We wish to pay our respect to Elders past and present.



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Lifeline - 13 11 14