

# Preventing Family Violence

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Gannawarra Shire Council acknowledges that violence against women is prevalent in the Gannawarra Shire.

Council recognises that while any person can be a victim or perpetrator of violence, violence is predominately perpetrated by men, and in family violence situations, women are predominately the victims.

Council understands that the underlying drivers of violence against women are gender inequality, rigid gender stereotypes and cultures that accept or excuse men's violence.

Council commits to working in our own organisation and in partnership with others to end violence against women.

This will be done by creating communities, organisations and cultures that are non-violent, gender equitable, non-discriminatory, and that promote respectful relationships.

In this way we will address the underlying drivers of violence against women and create a safer community.

## STATEMENT REVIEW

Council will review this Statement as required but always within two years after a general election of the Council.

At the time of review, this Statement was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all Council policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna office or online at [www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au).

Any enquiries in relation to this Statement should be directed to the Director Community Wellbeing on (03) 5450 9333.