

Annual Report

2017/18



Changing landscapes in Family Violence

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Safe Futures Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this land and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future

Safe Futures is a not-for-profit organisation, primarily funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. Safe Futures also receives grant and donations from other sources

Safe Futures conforms with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) Act 2012. Safe Futures proudly receives and displays the ACNC tick. Safe Futures is fully accredited against the Department of Health and Human Services standards and ISO 9001:2015



Vision

We strive to create a safe future where people are free from family violence

Mission

We provide personalised responses to people experiencing or at risk of family violence including life preserving early intervention and crisis services. We deliver community education, advocate for service system reform and empower women and their children.

We partner with others to help create a future free from control and abuse

Values

Our values define us.

Safe Futures is committed to empowering people affected by family violence and to showing respect and compassion. We celebrate diversity and pursue safety for all. These values guide the ways we develop and manage our organisation and inform our culture.

Empowerment - We support people to become stronger and more confident as they exercise control of their lives and claim their rights

Respect and Compassion - We embrace the dignity of all and work with understanding, respect and care

Diversity and Equality - We honour all people and draw on the strengths of difference

Safety - We comfort, protect and take action to diminish the opportunity for violence in our community

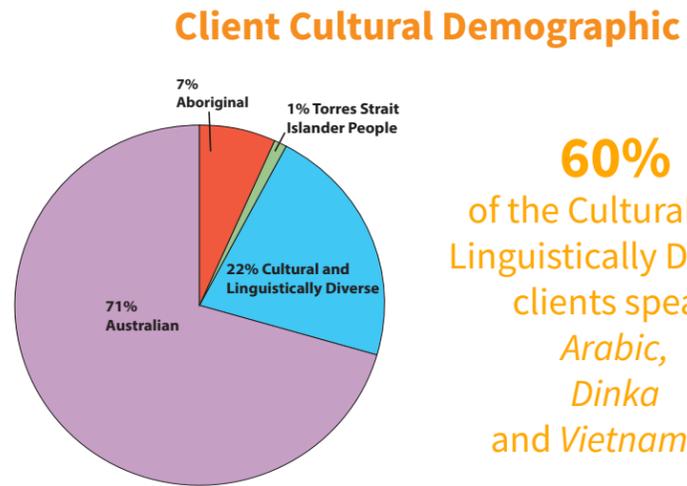
We seek to embed our values in everything we do.

Impact

Making an Impact

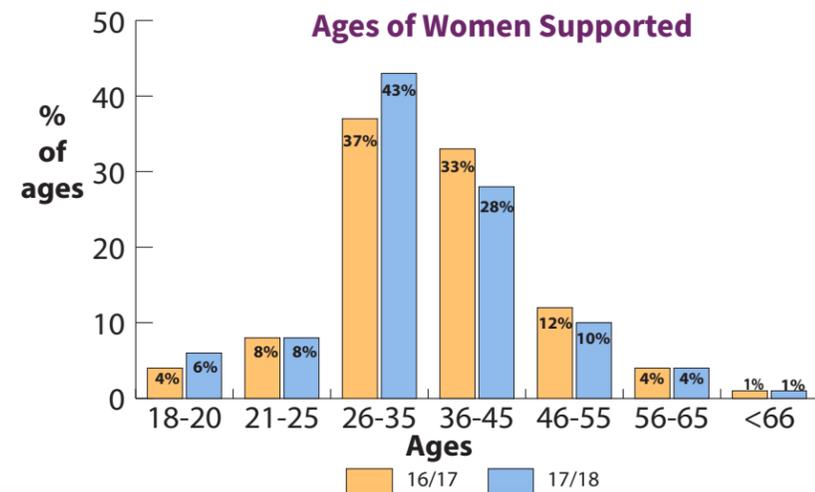
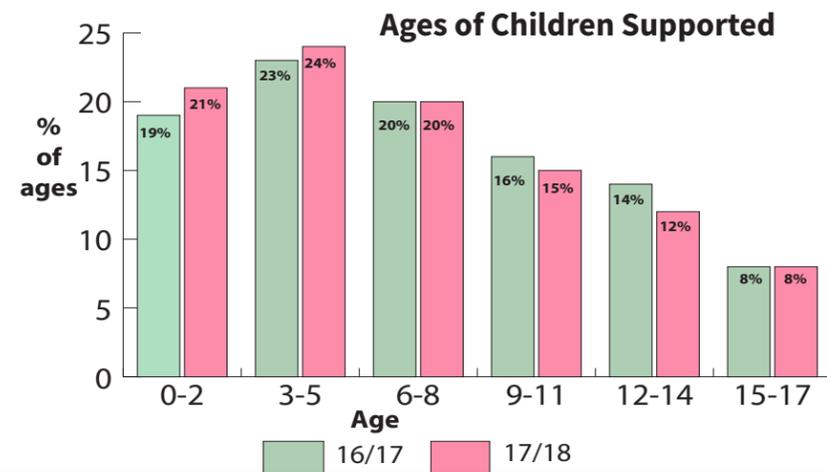
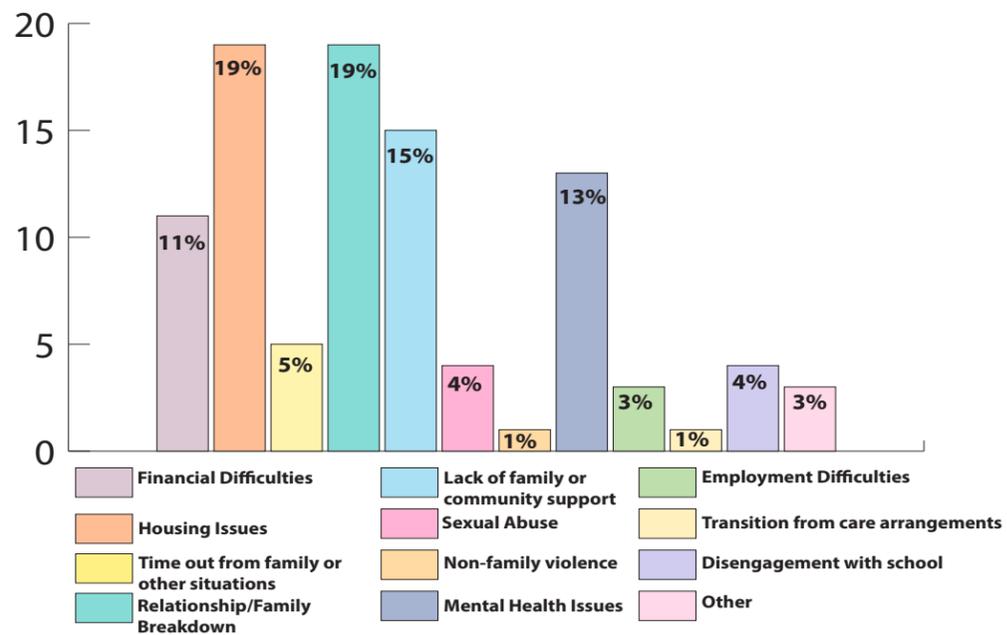
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total women and children supported

This is a **10%** increase on the 2016/17 financial year

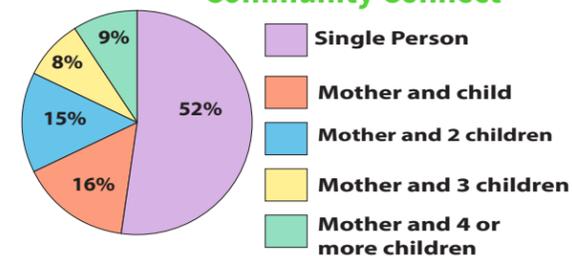


60% of the Cultural and Linguistically Diverse clients speak *Arabic, Dinka and Vietnamese*

Reasons client requested assistance other than family violence



Safe Futures client family sizes in Intake & Emergency response and Community Connect

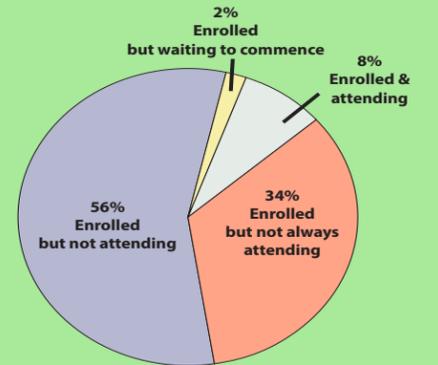


Children

21%
increase of children entering Crisis Accommodation



Children's Education Engagement



12%
more primary school age children with education disruptions

Governance

Board of Directors



Doreen Stoves
AM PSM JP
(Chair)

Doreen Stoves worked for the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for 25 years before coming to Doncare 18 years ago, she held Management positions in several program areas, she previously managed a large Children's Institution from phase down to closure. Doreen is a Clinical Family Therapist with a passion for the prevention of violence against women and children. Doreen has been awarded two Australian Honour Awards, a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2013 and a Public Service Medal (PSM) in 1995. Doreen is the current Chair of the Safe Futures Foundation.



Bernadette Dobeli
(Deputy Chair)

Bernadette Dobeli joined the board in approximately 1990. She has enjoyed work as a radiographer and continues in this role part-time. She has been on school and church committees over the years and is dedicated to the eradication of violence in all settings.



Florence Mauwa
(Treasurer)

Florence Mauwa joined the board in 2016. Florence has over 17 years experience in Accounting and Human Resources. She is a qualified accountant (FCCA) and a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD UK). Florence has a particular passion for developing and transforming communities to thrive, and volunteers on several community boards.



Kerrie McMahon
(Secretary)

Kerrie McMahon joined the board in 2018. Kerrie, a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants (CPA), has more than 30 years experience in finance in the government, private and community sectors. Kerrie is committed to developing systems within organisations to improve the quality of service delivery and outcomes for clients. She has a Diploma in Quality Auditing and extensive experience and knowledge of risk management and policy. An enthusiastic supporter of the not for profit industry, Kerrie has extended her work philosophy through her volunteering roles for many not for profit organisations.



Pradeepa Jayawardena York

Pradeepa Jayawardena York joined the board in 2018. Pradeepa is a solicitor and provides legal services in Victoria through her law practice. She has a deep interest in community and justice issues. She has an extensive career in law, management and government.

Pradeepa was Chief Legal Counsel of a large local government in Queensland, the Toowoomba Regional Council. Pradeepa was the lawyer responsible for human rights law, criminal law, administrative law, government law, and constitutional law at the Law Council of Australia in Canberra. Pradeepa worked in senior tax advisory and management positions at PricewaterhouseCoopers and at the Australian Taxation Office.



Grace La Vella

Grace La Vella joined the board in 2018. Grace has worked in Business Management positions for many years in both government and non-government organisations. Grace has an extensive involvement with a number of high profile government and non-government committees and advisory bodies.



Raymond Burnett

Raymond joined the board in 2018. He is a dynamic executive leader and consultant with significant senior experience in all levels of Government, the community sector, private sector and academia.

Raymond's experiences include sitting on National decision-making panels and senior evidence advisory bodies; leading major service and organisational redevelopments; strategic plan facilitation and overseeing national and state-wide training initiatives. He holds a range of qualifications including a Masters in Leadership and Management, a Masters of Public Health, a Bachelor of Social Work and has completed the Institute of Company Directors and the International Partnership Brokers Association Programs.

In addition to his work with Safe Futures, Raymond is President of the Doncare Community Services Board, a member of the Deakin University Health Academic Advisory Board, a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and sits on the Opening Doors Community Leadership Management Committee .

Board Chair's Report

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself”

Henry Ford

It is a pleasure to commend the 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Safe Futures Foundation to you.

The Board, Leadership team and staff have all been moving forward together and consequently the organisation has had a very successful year both financially and programmatically. The Directors are delighted with the very successful positive outcomes, which you will read about further into this report.

This year Safe Futures farewelled several Directors from the Board – Tonia Sakkas, Angela Fitzpatrick, Jessica French, Dr Athena Bangara and Kerry Kornhauser OAM. We thank them for their dedication to the organisation, particularly the long serving Board Directors Tonia Sakkas and Angela Fitzpatrick. We recruited Kerrie McMahon, Grace La Vella, Pradeepa Jayawardena York and the very first male Director, Raymond Burnett. The Board has spent time developing a three year Strategic Plan, a new Risk Management Plan and implemented Board/staff Sub Committees to ensure good governance.

Safe Futures is the largest provider of crisis refuge accommodation in Victoria, which includes 19 crisis properties and nomination rights to 39 transitional houses. At capacity Safe Futures can provide approximately 50,000 nights of accommodation per year. The CEO and staff are passionate in their commitment to working with women and children, providing services and support to enhance their recovery and to make a significant difference in their lives moving forward.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our partners and funding bodies, the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which has been very helpful and supportive, Safe Steps, Eastern Domestic Violence Service (EDVOS), Kara House and all of the donors who support the organisation both financially and with goods and services. I thank all of the Safe Futures staff who have been magnificent during the many changes that have occurred and for their passion, dedication and loyalty.

Finally, my sincere thanks to CEO, Ellen Matusko, for her professional leadership, nurturing of staff and clients,

and the difference she has made to the organisation. My thanks to the Board Executive Assistant, Di Corkery, for all she does to ensure best practice at the Board level. To my Board colleagues I thank you for your experience, your wisdom and the knowledge you bring to the Board meetings each month to ensure good governance of Safe Futures.

**Doreen Stoves AM PSM JP
Chair Safe Futures**

Treasurer's Report

It is my pleasure to present the audited Financial Report for the Financial Year 2017/18 for Safe Futures Foundation Inc. and its controlled entities

Overview

The past financial year has seen a real turnaround from our previous year with the current year operating surplus after income tax of \$143,816. This was a commendable effort from the team considering the operating deficit of -\$351,694 recorded in the last financial year.

Audited Accounts

The surplus this year was achieved on the back of a 2.7% increase in income, primarily driven by an increase in other income. However, more significantly, the team did a sterling job of managing expenditure particularly in administration costs and salaries which saw an overall reduction in total expenditure of \$408,097. This strong performance has resulted in our accumulated deficit reducing to -\$10,668.

Our balance sheet is also in a significantly stronger position. Our cash and cash equivalent balance had increased to \$1,053,371 and our cash flow position reflected the more prudent cash management practices adopted in the previous year. We have taken opportunity of the strong performance this year to build a property maintenance provision which at year end was \$99,750. This provision will ensure we are well equipped to meet the maintenance needs of our properties going forward.

We have also done a full review of our property portfolio resulting in us including the disclosure of our contingent liability related to the properties.

Financial Governance

The significant work undertaken in the previous financial year to focus on the financial viability of the Foundation started to yield results this year. The Finance Committee has continued to monitor and review the Foundation's financial matters with a maintained focus on managing and improving liquidity and embedding a cost conscious operating model. The Committee is confident that the financial policies and cadence established to review the financial position and practices of the organisation will continue to enable us to make proactive decisions on the financial health of the Foundation.

Overall the team has performed outstanding work over the last year to arrest further decline in the financial position and move into a position of a declared surplus. The Foundation is now on a solid footing to continue operating on this path of disciplined financial management so we can build on the surplus going forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellen, Bhavna and the entire team for their hard work and efforts – the results speak for themselves in this report. In addition, I would like to thank our departing Committee member Jessica French and welcome Grace La Vella, onto the Finance Committee. I appreciate the expertise

and insights these ladies along with long standing member Bernadette Dobeli provide in our Finance Committee.

Auditors

We have had a long and fruitful relationship with the auditing team at Rucker DWC and we take this opportunity to thank them for their tireless years of service to the Foundation. In line with best practice, we will be transitioning to a new auditor in the new financial year.

Lastly and most importantly, I wholeheartedly thank the Foundation team who are the heart and face of the work at Safe Futures Foundation. They have done a fantastic job of embracing the changes over the past year and the results we have achieved this year could not have been done without them.

The following recommendations are made to this Annual General Meeting:

1. That the Annual General Meeting approves the accounts for 2017/18 as contained within the annual report.
2. We will appoint a new Safe Futures Foundation auditor for 2018/19.

**Florence Mauwa
FCCA, MBA
Treasurer**

CEO's Report

This year the Board has reshaped its strategy to strengthen Safe Futures purpose. The new vision and objectives recognise and respond to a number of recommendations from the Victorian Royal Commission and aim to address the changing landscape of family violence responses.

In the last year we have had a 10% increase in new clients which included a 21% jump in the number of children entering crisis accommodation. A substantial amount of family violence is heard, witnessed or forcibly experienced by children, so in the changing landscape of family violence there is rightly a greater focus on the importance of therapeutic interventions for children. I recently wrote an article for Parity magazine in which I talk about how we have moved from babysitters looking after children in refuge to therapeutic interventions and programs that recognise that children make up the highest percentage of clients and the impact of trauma on their brains and life journey. We have progressed from moving women and children to secure refuges to advances in technology allowing some to remain in their own home and community. As you read this report I'm sure that you will be delighted to read about the suite of services that we provide to our important future generations.

This professionalisation of the family violence workforce has developed over time. This has brought with it access to services and programs for women and children that formally acknowledge the devastating long term impact of family violence and the need to respond in

partnership with others to empower the women who trust us to help them moving from violence to recovery.

As the largest provider of crisis refuge accommodation, and a provider of services to people experiencing family violence, Safe Futures has a responsibility to be the best that it can. This year, we have been the fortunate recipient of funding to enhance our after hours services as well as training staff and students as part of the Victorian State Government's workplace reforms.

As an organisation we have been striving to introduce services that will positively impact a woman and child's health, socioeconomic well-being and recovery. These cannot be addressed in isolation, so over the last year we have continued to embed our 'wraparound' model to service delivery. Our relationships with our clients and community partners such as Victorian Legal Aid, Centrelink, Anglicare and Uniting Wesley is paramount to achieving this. Our 'Wraparound' response and core and cluster refuge model enables Safe Futures to create a safety hub around women and children that strives to decrease the number of women and children in refuge taking the homelessness path.

Our footprint in the West is progressing well with development onsite expected to commence in October 2018. By the time we pen next year's annual report we will have the new core and cluster model refuge up and running. The facility will contain seven individual units and be able to accommodate up to 23 women and children.

The commitment of Safe Futures staff and Board to its purpose is reflected in our successes during the 2017-2018 year. The financial strategies that we introduced last year have had a positive impact on future proofing our services. Browsing through this report you will read about our many achievements – from our new volunteer program to feedback from our clients and how we work to transform the lives of people on a daily basis.

A big thank you to every person and organisation that contributes to the work Safe Futures does. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Safe Futures Foundation frontline and corporate services staff, Board Chair Doreen Stoves and the Safe Futures Board for the work they do and the support they provide me on a daily basis.

Ellen Matusko
BA, BSW, Grad Dip Health Admin, GAICD
CEO

Highlights

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Partnership with Swinburne University "Business without Borders" to supply women with computers



Marching for Advocacy during NAIDOC week



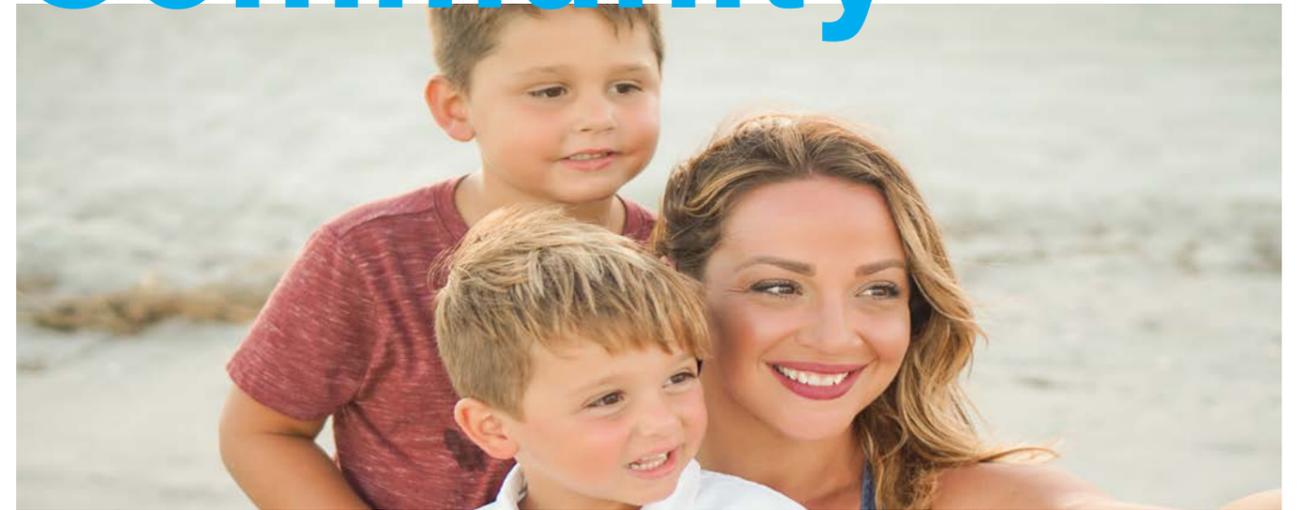
Receiving a Grant from Maroondah City Council



A Stitch in Time

Our Services

Safe In Community



SAFE IN COMMUNITY

Provides support to women and children who are experiencing the effects of family violence or are at risk of future harm in the Eastern Suburbs to remain safe in their homes and community.

FIRST TO KNOW, FIRST TO ACT

Provides specialist family violence support and assessment for clients accessing Uniting Wesley Opening Door homelessness service.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Provides 24 hour, 7 day a week, state-wide crisis response for women and their children.

Allows women and children at imminent risk to leave their homes and receive immediate support and safe accommodation.

SAFE CHILDREN

BRIGHT FUTURES

Conducts comprehensive and holistic assessments for every child to create safety, stability and promote healthy development for children.

RESILIENT KIDS

RESILIENT WOMEN

In conjunction with Uniting Wesley, EACH and Australian Childhood Foundation, Safe Futures delivers therapeutic responses to women and children who have experienced family violence to assist them in their recovery.

HOUSING CONNECT

In conjunction with Uniting Wesley Homelessness Service a dedicated housing advocate delivers a holistic case-coordinated response that aims to support women to maintain or establish safe, affordable long term housing.

CORPORATE SERVICES

Supports the staff and programs with services including Human Resources, Property Management and Finance.

The Safe in Community team have continuously achieved positive outcomes for women and children living with violence or in the process of leaving violent relationships. They play a pivotal and critical role in assessing risk and assisting women and children maintain their safety and ability to connect with appropriate, legal, financial, housing and therapeutic supports.

It has been another busy year for the Safe in Community case management team. Whilst the start of the new financial year saw a lower than usual number of referrals, the pace picked up with over 83 women being referred and provided with support, exceeding targets for the year. Referrals were received from a variety of sources including: Anglicare Child First, EACH counsellors, Uniting Wesley, William Angliss Hospital, Self Referrals, EDVOS, private psychologists, 1800 RESPECT, Magistrate Court, Police, Seniors Rights Victoria, Salvo Care and Anglicare AOD (alcohol and other drugs).

A new team leader was appointed in August 2017 and a previous staff member returned to the organisation to take up a full time position as a woman's advocate providing consistency and stability for the team in 2018.

Advocates work tirelessly and are creative and flexible in their approach working through complex housing, financial and legal situations.

Particularly challenging has been the impact of the family law system, shared parenting orders and consent for access to specialist services for children. Workers have to hold and work alongside women that continue to experience emotional and psychological abuse and manipulation after separation, whilst having to deal with access arrangements and shared parenting for children. Children become caught up in the tactics of perpetrators to further manipulate, intimidate and maintain control. Children display signs of stress and trauma but are often reluctant to give voice to what is happening for fear of consequences or sometimes they have trouble distinguishing between discipline and family violence. Perpetrators often impede access to specialist counselling and services for the children. Dealing with the notion of good father and abusive partner and how to navigate support for women and children in this context is fraught and challenging.

The staff continue to focus on empowering women to move forward beyond the separation, court cases and family

violence. Being child-focused all workers consider the children when working toward the best outcome

CLIENT EXPERIENCE OF RECOVERY

"7 year old Jake has experienced significant family violence and rejection from those closest to him, resulting in him developing many fears.

As a part of my work with this young boy to assist him to better deal with his fears I gave him a quilted blanket (donated by Waverley Quilters Guild) and he immediately wrapped it around himself, saying it was not a blanket but rather a "cape".

We named the blanket his "safety cape" and he immediately took to the idea that this cape would keep him safe if he felt scared. He uses his cape to assist him to sleep at night.

The cape has worked so well for this young boy that many of his significant fears have either drastically reduced or disappeared completely and he now refers to himself as a "Super Hero" whilst wearing his cape around his shoulders."

Community Connect



2018 has been "the Year of the Baby" for Community Connect. Six women in emergency and crisis accommodation have required assistance with their pregnancy and birth plans this year.

Pregnancy is a particularly vulnerable and dangerous time for women experiencing family violence and homelessness, when risk and safety needs are elevated. For some, not only is it a time of dislocation and uncertainty about the future, but a woman can be physically incapacitated and may also experience additional health complications, needing to attend numerous medical appointments. When entering refuge and crisis accommodation

pregnant mothers are removed from not just informal supports they may have, but most importantly the formal supports integral to the birth of her baby. All of this whilst managing legal, financial, debt, property issues, housing uncertainty and re-establishing new schools and childcare for other children. Add to this the isolation due to language and cultural barriers making this a particularly fraught time, where mental health issues can escalate, in particular post-natal depression. The work of the children and women's advocates is critical both pre and post birth to ensure a comprehensive range of practical and emotional supports are in place to manage the complexities

associated with major life changes and transitions whilst dealing with the trauma associated with family violence.

Hospital and doctors appointments usually need to be changed and reorganised, supports such as interpreters, transport and childcare put in place to attend various appointments, all of the necessary needs for the baby sourced and a whole new birth plan put in place. This includes planning for the care of other children when mum goes into labour and from our experience often in the middle of the night and outside business hours. If there are other children, foster care or care from informal supports need to be

identified, meet and greets organised and appropriate information provided so that distress for both children and mothers is minimised. Workers also arrange for all the necessary items for the babies to be sourced, mostly from St. Kilda Mums - bassinets, cots, linen, towels, clothing, nappies, prams, slings and playpens to list just a few.

Very specific and clear plans need to be in place some weeks before the woman's due date for a coordinated response when she goes into labour. Staff oncall are usually the same staff that have worked a full day. If the client does not speak English the staff need to know who it is on the phone and how to respond, what language interpreter she needs or the code word being used to signal she is in labour and need assistance to get to hospital and activate the plan.

Post the birth, workers organise for visits of siblings to the hospital, assist with transport to child care and school, organise the practical supports such as interim house cleaning and liaising with maternal health nurses and hospital staff and any other parenting support services identified. During this time women can be highly anxious calling their case workers daily. Anxiety due to trauma and legal, financial and housing uncertainty can affect feeding and sleep routines, babies can be unsettled and children can become anxious and more demanding. Signs for post-natal depression need to be monitored closely and additional supports brought in to assist.

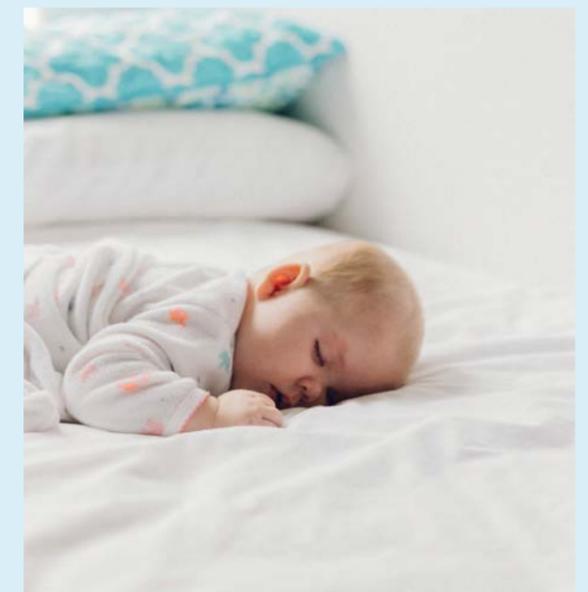
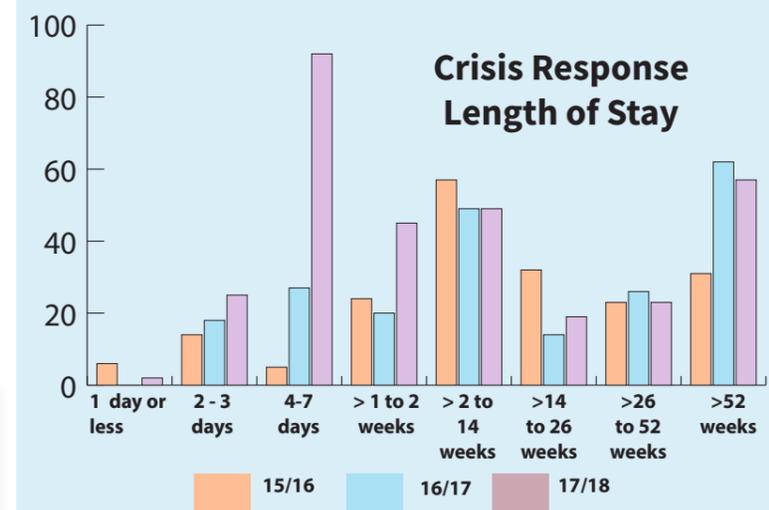
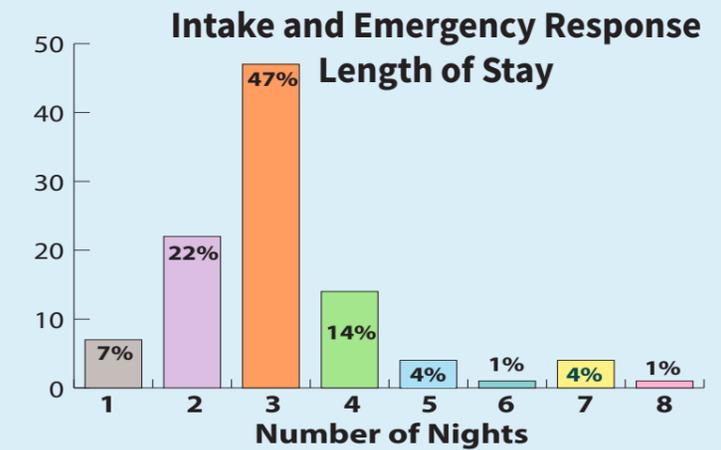
For most women, slowly and with a huge amount of support, they become more independent and confident in their ability to navigate the new environment and journey ahead.

A SNAP SHOT OF SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

The first client gave birth in early June, the oncall staff arriving at 6 am. Prior to this they had contacted the ambulance and then stayed to look after the client's two other children before the pre-arranged agency staff arrived later in the morning.

The next birth came three days later! The same lucky staff were on duty and were called at just after midnight. After alerting the ambulance and arriving to look after the two small boys the ambulance left with the mother. The staff attempted to contact the family who had been arranged to care for the children but it wasn't until almost 6am that they were able to speak to them and then transport the children to the family. With good planning the introduction went smoothly and the next day after the birth of their sister the foster family sent photos of the children to mum and then took them to the hospital for a visit. The family was from a Culturally and Linguistic Diverse background and mum was anxious about the carers but the barriers were soon broken down.

Staff work tirelessly and flexibly to ensure the best outcomes and responses to supporting pregnant women with their individual birth and support plans whilst keeping the emotional and day-to-day needs of the other children in sharp focus.



Housing Connect

Uniting Wesley Homelessness and Support Service (UWHSS) provide support for those currently facing or who are under immediate threat of homelessness and who have links to the Eastern Region.

The Family Violence Housing Connect Program (FVHC) provides individual assessment and support in co-ordination with case managers from Safe Futures Foundation, to assist clients into the most suitable and affordable long term accommodation options. The aim is to prevent women from entering the homelessness sector and improve long term housing outcomes.

Housing Connect Statistics

Total of **34** clients

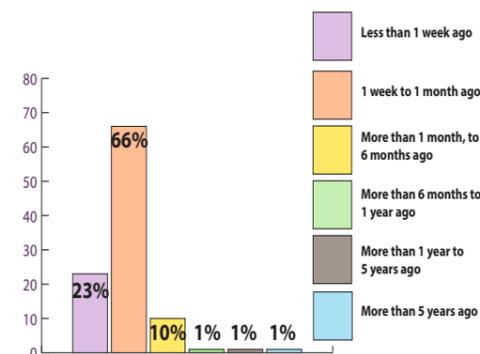
Internal Referral:

- 10 - Community Connect
- 4 - Intake and Emergency Response
- 20 - Safe in Community

Outcomes

- 11 - long term housing
- 9 - Private Rental
- 2 - Public Housing

66% of Safe Futures new clients have not had a permanent address for between 1 week and 1 month



First to Know, First to Act

The First to Know First to Act Women's Advocate is a new position co-located at Uniting Wesley Homelessness Support Service (UWHSS) and Safe Futures Foundation. The position has been funded for two years through The Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund and aims to provide specialist family violence support and assessment for clients accessing Uniting Wesley Opening Door homelessness service. Consultation and professional development for UWHSS crisis team is also provided to assist workers recognise and respond to family violence.

The Women's Advocate receives referrals from the crisis team at Uniting Wesley Homelessness Service and generally provides short term assistance for women who are homeless, and have or currently are experiencing family violence, to ensure they are engaged or referred to services, and that they have appropriate supports in place. This often results in a referral to Safe Futures Foundation for further specialist family violence support. The First to Know First to Act Women's Advocate commenced in August 2017 and although the role had a slow start, is now receiving steady referrals. The Women's Advocate has undertaken risk assessments and safety planning with clients, provided advocacy with Safe Steps where appropriate, assisted with numerous flexible support package funding applications for a variety of needs and assisted women with the Intervention Order process.



RETURNING HOME

Jane presented at Uniting Wesley Homelessness Support Service as homeless after fleeing her home overnight and sleeping in her car due to family violence. The crisis team completed a referral with the client's consent to the Women's Advocate who provided emotional support to the client and completed a risk assessment and safety plan. Although there had been a long history of family violence in the relationship the client had not disclosed the violence to anyone and had, therefore, not made any reports to the police or been assisted by family violence services. The client had a health condition and also suffered from depression and anxiety. The crisis team were able to place the client in short term accommodation until the client's ex-partner left the property and she could move back in with additional safety measures. The Women's Advocate initially made referrals to Centrelink at UWHSS and to specialist family violence counselling and provided information about Intervention Orders to the client. The Women's Advocate continued to provide emotional and practical support to the client while she was engaged with UWHSS crisis team and once her housing situation had stabilised was able to refer the client to Safe Futures' Safe in Community program. Longer term case management could be provided for the client at Safe Futures, which minimised the need for the client to retell her story and allowed her to continue with a worker whom she had built a relationship with.



HOUSING STABILITY FOR A FAMILY

Stephanie was referred to the Family Violence Housing Connect the program in November 2017. Stephanie and her two teenage children currently reside in Safe Futures supported transitional housing property in the east, and she is keen to remain in the area to maintain stability for the children's education and access to necessary medical support. Following an assessment with Stephanie clarifying family support needs and financial situation as a single parent and a carer of one of her children, it was agreed that low income affordable social housing is the most stable long term housing option. Although Stephanie has been accepted onto the Office of Housing Priority Housing list, the Family Violence Housing Connect worker continued to explore alternative housing with the client, including private rental. Ultimately the family was successful in securing a Community Housing property with Haven Home Safe and will be moving into the apartment at the end of July 2018.

Children

Resilient Kids, Resilient Women



Safe Futures has continued efforts to focus on impacts of family violence for children and young people with the provision of therapeutic responses.

The Resilient Kids, Resilient Women demonstration program was rolled out in July 2017 in partnership with EACH, Australian Childhood Foundation (ACF), and Uniting Wesley. The aim of the program is to provide therapeutic trauma-informed interventions for family violence survivors, both adults and children, to aid recovery and healing. The project aims to streamline and strengthen access to specialist services and includes:

- Therapeutic Planning and Assessment for children and adults;
- Therapeutic Case Management for children and young people with high and complex needs;
- Group work for women and children;
- Counselling packages for adults and children.

In June funding was committed for a further 12 months.

As part of the consortium, Safe Futures is responsible for the delivery of Therapeutic Case Management and a Group Work

Program for children and young people with complex needs. In late 2017, a therapeutic case manager was appointed to the role. There have been two workers in this role and both workers played an integral role in building strong collaborative relationships with the partner agencies and assisting with the refinement of intake processes to streamline and coordinate access to services, minimise repetition and ensure services in the partnership remain responsive to need. 24 clients were supported between October 2017 - June 2018 by the children's therapeutic case manager with positive outcomes for emotional recovery and self confidence, engagement with schooling, increased social and recreational opportunities and access to a broad range of groups and therapeutic services.

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGER

The Intensive Case Manager provides flexible support and contact around interests to build trust and engagement so children are able to give voice to and share their experiences and challenges around family violence. Plans and goals are developed with each child. Identification, co-ordination and collaboration with key

supports in the child's life is central to achieving goals and working holistically to achieve positive outcomes and healing after violence.

Building on this capacity to respond more effectively to children, Safe Futures is in the process of recruiting a specialist children's worker to provide therapeutic responses, assessment and planning for children entering our emergency refuge and crisis accommodation.

In 2018 Safe Futures established a stronger partnership with Maroondah Maternal and Child Health to deliver enhanced maternal health responses to women in refuge and deliver training for staff on child development, settling, sleep, infant behaviour, feeding and healthy eating.

GROUP WORKER

In October, a Children's Group Worker was employed and has led the facilitation of weekly playgroups including "Little Sunbeams" for children between the ages of 1-5 years. The group membership was flexible to accommodate women and children that could attend either on a one-off basis or for the whole term. Supporting attendance became a challenge with case

workers and facilitators having to provide transport and manage practical logistics to ensure attendance, as many of the women did not have access to vehicles.

Notwithstanding this, groups were well attended with up to 10 families attending each term. "Little Sunbeams" provided activities for positive parent child interactions, attunements and attachment. In addition, developmental issues were identified with appropriate referrals made for further specialist assessment and consultations.

Safe Futures group worker also co-facilitated several groups with Uniting Wesley in primary and secondary schools including:

- Circle of Girls;
- Being Boys;
- Seeking Safety for Girls; and
- Seeking Safety for Boys.

COOL KIDS

Cool Kids is dedicated to primary school-aged children and runs after school.

A number of schools have welcomed the initiative to reinforce messages on healthy relationships and self images. Schools are now requesting tailored groups to address issues individual students are experiencing. It has been a privilege to be able to deliver these groups with a flexible approach in mind.

In January, the Safe Futures group worker with Uniting Wesley ran the 'Into the Wild' camp for boys 15-17 years to build resilience and enhance decision-making and social skills. Activities included self defence, abseiling, canoeing and archery. The camp was attended by a number of boys and was considered a success with many participants wishing to return despite initially being reluctant to attend.

RESOURCING REFUGES FOR CHILDREN

Funding from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and a Submission to Family Safety Victoria for resourcing refuges to meet the individual needs of children will further assist us to create therapeutic spaces and activities for children in refuge. It will enable us to re-invigorate and refurbish our children's art rooms, create a sensory garden, and engage children in appropriate play activities providing structure, emotional containment, safety and positive experiences whilst at refuge.



When asked what do you like to do and how does it make you feel children responded

FEEDBACK FROM "INTO THE WILD" CAMP FOR BOYS

'I didn't wanna go at first, but by going I've learnt to go out more and go bush myself cause it's been fun'

What I Liked : "Practicing self defense and trying to make more friends by getting out of my comfort zone"



REPORT FROM "LITTLE SUNBEAMS" GROUP FACILITATOR

"Little Sunbeams" got off to a great start in term 1. Part of this time was spent creating art activities with the pre-school aged children. One activity was to ask the children to paint the sky on glad wrap (see above). Apart from paints the children use puppets, playdough, listen to story book telling, and they laugh, dance and sing. "Little Sunbeams" was designed to support and provide early intervention for families who have pre-school aged children (between the ages of 12 months to 5 years). The rationale for developing the project was that the earlier a child's needs are identified and addressed, the better the outcome for the child's development and, ultimately, the family's functioning. Participating in this program is such a joy and seeing the children's happy faces makes it all worth while.



LOOKING AHEAD

A service delivery perspective

Change and Opportunities

2018 has seen another year of change and growth for Safe Futures with the expansion of our services in response to key reforms from the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence and the implementation of Victoria's Ending Family Violence 10 Year Plan for Change. Change brings both challenges and opportunities. Supporting staff through change and building capability and specialist skills has been a key priority for Safe Futures with the provision of high quality training, reflective practice and access to employee assistance programs as we move forward and reorient our services. Targeted and tailored training has been provided to staff this year including strengthening assessments and case noting for family violence as well as infant development, trauma and parenting.

ENHANCED AFTERHOURS FUNDING

This year Safe Futures was successful in receiving additional funding to expand the emergency accommodation response for the core and cluster refuge. Onsite support will be extended to women and children outside of

core business hours, having staffing presence up till 8pm weekdays and expanding coverage over the weekend and public holidays. Safe Futures will also offer a 24 hours referral and intake service to those requiring secure emergency accommodation. The expansion of the refuge response and subsequently staffing has required a redevelopment of the emergency and crisis accommodation service and Community Connect teams including the need to appoint another team leader. The recruitment of staff to fill the expansion of the service has proved to be challenging in the current environment. Attracting qualified and experienced staff will be a key priority for specialist family violence services as we build a robust and skilled workforce into the future.

VICTORIAN LEGAL AID

Safe Futures has enhanced our partnership with Legal Aid in 2018 to continue to build on a wrap-around model for integrated, holistic and client-centred approaches, providing timely access and seamless referral pathways to specialist services. The onsite

lawyer will complement the existing presence and partnerships with Centrelink, Uniting Wesley specialist housing connect worker, Anglicare drug and alcohol counsellor and the art therapist. This year, legal aid has had a presence one day a week at Safe Futures sites and has provided staff access to daily phone consults. The project aims to provide legal services tailored to the complex needs of our clients and timely access to advice with the goal of enabling and empowering women to make informed decisions, including legal support and safety planning to enable women to return home wherever possible and divert pathways to homelessness. Between January and the end of this financial year, 16 different women were referred to the onsite lawyer, some of which had multiple appointments. Approximately 10 secondary consults occurred with staff. The range of requests related to issues around parenting, property, child support and eligibility for legal aid. Four women had files opened. One of those clients was assisted to prepare documents to respond to a recovery order application made against her by the father of her children and

was successful in defending the recovery order. Professional development for staff in legal issues such as family law, property and child protection orders is planned for the latter part of the year as part of the brief.

INFORMATION SHARING

A key to sector reform this year has been the implementation of the Family Violence information Sharing Scheme under Part 5A of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008. The scheme went live in February for the first tranche of prescribed entities. All service delivery staff attended Family Safety Victoria's practitioner training in preparation for the roll out. In addition, Safe Futures has had regular representation at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Family Violence Partnership Information Sharing working group with the aim of sharing knowledge and resources, identifying issues, collaboration and strengthening local relationships. Guidelines and systems for the roll out and implementation of the scheme is being embedded into our day-to-day practice.

The scheme so far has provided some positive outcomes in terms of ensuring better risk assessments and safety planning for women and children accessing our services, in particular with Victoria Police, corrections, courts and child protection. It has enabled us to better hold, share and manage risk with our clients and plan for safety and wellbeing. This will be further enhanced with the broader roll out of the scheme in September 2018 to other sectors along with the implementation of the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS) and MARAM (redeveloped Common Risk Assessment Framework)



Information Sharing:

A case in point

After entering crisis accommodation at Safe Futures, Chloe was soon moved to one of our transitional housing properties. A call was made to Chloe's case manager from a neighbour expressing concern that Chloe's flat had been ransacked and Chloe appeared distressed and frightened. Safe Futures brought Chloe back to crisis accommodation where she advised that it had been the perpetrator who had been at her apartment. Chloe wanted to return back to her transitional housing property as she did not feel she was at serious risk and she did not want to go to a motel with uncertainty as to where she would be accommodated. Chloe did not want to go to the police. Safe Futures made an information sharing request to Victoria Police without Chloe's consent regarding the perpetrator's criminal history and whereabouts due to concern for Chloe's safety and the safety of other tenants if Chloe was to return to the transitional property. The information request revealed that the respondent was on bail and was being sought for allegedly having possession of a fire arm. Advice was also provided that the respondent had a 25 year Intervention Violence Order for a previous relationship. When this information was presented to Chloe she was able to review her safety and agreed not to return to the transition property. Safe Futures supported Chloe to remain in crisis accommodation until an alternative refuge could be sourced.

Human Resources

As in previous years, 2017–2018 Human Resources has been focused on a number of continuous improvement tasks. This included but was not limited to:

- Reviewing and amending our current policies and processes;
- Developing a more vigorous Induction and Orientation program, including an online survey for new staff to complete;
- Position Descriptions reviewed and amended to reflect our Award accordingly;
- Selection, recruitment and induction of eight new staff;
- The introduction of monthly professional development mornings onsite;
- Sourcing and coordinating professional development for staff and maintaining accurate training records;
- With the introduction of the Volunteer program, Human Resources is now responsible for all volunteer personnel files;

- Coordinating the oncall, leave and after hours roster;
- Assisting with, and attending, fundraising events;
- Responsibility of managing the annual staff Christmas lunch and Children's Christmas party;
- Actively leading and fostered a positive, healthy and inclusive workplace culture.

The Accreditation Audit report identified Safe Futures staff files as once again successfully attaining 100% compliance to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services Standards and the ISO 9001:2015 Quality management Systems.

10
Inhouse Professional Development & Guest Speaker sessions

47
Professional Development sessions attended

InHouse Professional Development & Guest Speakers

- Children and Trauma, Child Development - ACT - Pat Jewell
- Maroondah Maternal Health - Vikki Middleton
- DHHS Family Violence Disability - Marlene Parks
- Victoria Legal Aid - Graeme Wells
- Child First - Kathy Venables
- EDVOS Ramp - Nevenka Galic
- Childrens Resources Program - Susie Lukis
- TAAP (Tenancy Assistance Advocacy Program) Uniting Wesley - Vicki Bryce & Nick Dissanayake
- Anglicare, Girl Power Art Therapy - Sonia Tomasiello

Professional Development Attended

- Common Risk Assessment Framework
- Bullying in the Boardroom
- Infection, Prevention and Control
- Victorian Housing Register Information Session
- Mental Health, Partnerships and NDIS
- Critical Incident Management Systems IT Information Session
- Critical Incident Management Ssystems API Information Session for IT Vendors and Managers
- Aboriginal Culturally Informed Addendum to Human Services Standards evidence guide
- Flexible Support Package – Information Session
- Introduction to the Family Violence Sector
- Working Together With the Police
- InTouch Information session Cultural Awareness/
- Family Violence Culturally and Linguistically Diverse network meeting
- Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Symposium
- inTouch - Culturally Appropriate Responsiveness to Family Violence
- First Aid
- Introduction to Homelessness and Social Housing
- Foundations of Child Play Therapy
- ISO - Implementing a Quality Management System
- Mental Health First Aid
- Dealing with Big Emotions and Children
- Emotional regulations
- Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme - Practitioner/ Team Leader Modules
- NDIS Forum
- Child Aware Practice
- Know your Award
- Walk In Her Shoes
- Fines Victoria - FV Scheme Stakeholder Briefing
- Through my Eyes
- Informed Digital Design; applying the Practice Guidelines for Trauma Informed Care & Service
- Children & Trauma, Child Development
- InTouch Temporary Migration
- Family Violence - Information Sharing Scheme training
- Specialist Homelessness Information Platform Training
- Provide Supervision
- Wellbeing, Self-care and Worker Sustainability
- Workplace & Workforce Innovations to Address Family Violence Forum
- Webinar- Access to Justice for Migrant and Refugee
- Homelessness and NDIS
- Family Violence in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities Culturally Responsive Practice
- Test and Tag Refresher
- Investigating Client Incidents Critical Incident Management System
- Sleep, Settling & Infant Cues
- Recognise and Respond Appropriately to Family Violence
- Supporting Your Client Through Family Law
- Webinar Take Productivity To New Heights With Adobe Document Cloud
- Leveraging the Cloud with Microsoft Azure



WORKFORCE PLANNING

It is timely that Safe Futures Foundation was selected as a participating organisation for the enhanced pathways program to strengthen workforce pathways into family violence. In 2019, Safe Futures has committed to supporting eight student placements under the program to enable staff to complete student supervision training and implement the Best Practice Cultural Learning Framework (BPCLE) to ensure consistency and quality in the provision of learning and development for new staff and students

Our Volunteers and Donors

The volunteer program is starting to take shape with a band of passionate and committed volunteers making a difference.



Over the last 12 months Safe Futures has experienced first-hand the wonderful support and commitment of the following volunteer and donor groups:

- Rotary Club of Croydon
- Impact for Women
- Knitting for the Needy
- Waverley Patchworkers
- Ringwood Empower Christian Church
- Maroondah City Council
- Arthur Radley Restaurant
- Philip Webb Real Estate
- Share The Dignity
- Community volunteers for "A Stitch in

- Time" sewing days
- The 59 Club Australia Inc.
- Individual volunteers

To say "Thank You" to these special volunteer groups and individuals, a celebration morning tea was held on the 12th June where Safe Future's CEO made reference to the fact that volunteering can be very meaningful and enjoyable, and in turn, be good for health and wellbeing. The result is that the women and families at Safe Futures reap the benefits of our volunteers' generosity and support.

Thank you too to Larkman Nurseries in Lilydale for generously donating lavender plants as gifts for the volunteers.

During the year, three sewing days called "A Stitch in Time" were held on Saturday afternoons, where volunteers from the community were called together to create "I Respect" material shopping bags to raise funds to support women through their journey of family violence. The aim of this social enterprise program is to enable women to develop the skills to start to generate their own income.

Business Systems

This year Safe Futures has been reviewing, consolidating and updating our processes and systems to create an environment that is robust while meeting regulatory compliance and client needs. This has created an organisation that is better able to respond and support service delivery.

During this review we looked at how technology can assist staff with their roles. We have been able to update 18 computers and we are in the process of moving the onsite server to the cloud. We have redesigned our Risk Management Program (Ticket on Demand) to allow us to meet ISO 9001:2015 compliance, property management and OHS reporting and it allows us to analyse what is happening throughout the organisation.

To support staff, we have introduced an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The EAP is a short-term professional counselling service to assist staff to maintain their own well-being and work-life balance.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Over the last 12 months Safe Futures has concentrated its efforts to improve the look of the 19 aging properties. Some of the highlights include:

- A new kitchen for a three bedroom house
- Overall refurbishment of a property
- Garden overhaul to ensure a property is safe during bushfire season
- Security upgrades
- Removal of old playgrounds

The Property Management costs include:

- Upgrades
- Gardens
- Cleaning

In the next financial year, we plan to remove all bunks from the properties and upgrade the furniture to make these properties more homely for the clients as they begin their lives free from family violence.



Financials

Grants and Donations

Since 2006, Kathy Kaplan OAM (Founder and President of **Impact for Women**) has been a champion of our cause providing significant financial support via grants to Safe Futures on behalf of the clients. For 12 years, Impact have also supplied 'Bags of Love' and 'Household Goods' for the women in celebration of Mother's Day and Christmas, and our children receive toys to ensure there are gifts under the tree for them Christmas morning.

For 23 years **Philip Webb Real Estate** in Doncaster East have been gifting Christmas food hampers for those in need and we have been on their receiving end of their generosity for over 10 years. Annually, they provide 20 hampers for the clients.

Our most recent supporters are the **59 Club Australia Inc.** They provide practical support as they organise and run various fundraising events throughout the year to support the work of the children's team. Events include a biker Christmas Toy Run, and at Easter they provide chocolates for

the mums and children generating a great deal of excitement.

Maroondah City Council staff at both the **Croydon and Ringwood offices** give to our Christmas appeal every year. From their own pockets they donate a variety of different vouchers for the mums and teenagers, and provide toys and clothing for the children and gifts for the mums. They are always so welcoming and keen to support our work. The Ringwood Office hold a free dress day every year and the proceeds of the money raised goes to their charity of choice. We are grateful to be beneficiaries for their generosity.

Recently we entered into a new partnership with **Good360**. They have built a strong and trusted brand name and as a result companies like Woolworths, Big W, Moose and Loreal (just to name a few) donate their excess stock to them and then Good 360 make this available free to not-for-profit organisations - all we do is pay for shipping.

Staff of **Commonwealth Bank - Ringwood** donated \$10,000 directly from their own pockets. This will allow us to provide goods and programs for teenage boys who are often missed from other donors but still have the trauma of family violence.

Our heartfelt thank you to our donors and supporters who help us make our Vision and Mission come to life....The generosity of our donors and their desire to change people's lives for the good never ceases to amaze us. We couldn't do this work without you, and for that we are forever grateful.



Waverly Patchworkers, Knitting for the Needy, Gracedale Nursing

Supply us with beautiful handmade quilts, blankets and knitted clothing throughout the year.

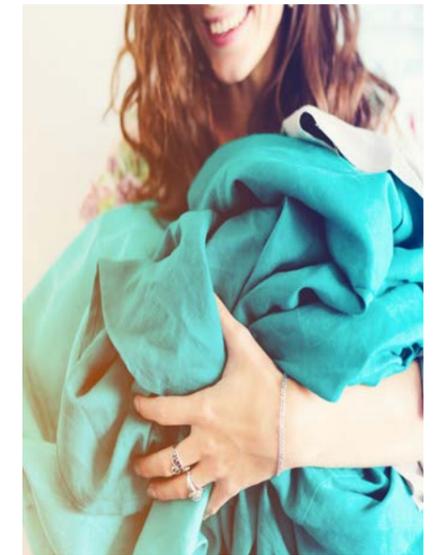
Our clients are able to take these items that are lovingly created for them and they find them to be a welcomed addition to take to their new accommodation.



Street Smart

For a number of years we have had an antiquated security system that was costly to have monitored and it did not provide us with the security required for our family violence refuge. It failed to record live feed and we could not retrieve footage when required. We simply did not have sufficient funds to have the system upgraded.

Adam Robinson from StreetSmart has been a long term supporter of Safe Futures, and in response to our need provided a grant of \$14,500 to upgrade our security system.



Legend Australia Holdings Pty Ltd

A partnership with Legend Australia Holdings Pty Ltd was created in August 2017. Since it began we have received three deliveries of doonas, quilt covers, pillows and sheet sets as the company responds to our need. The quality of the manchester is outstanding and the stock represents a huge saving for us and is a reflection of their generosity and support for the clients experiencing family violence. Children in particular love to be able to set up their bedrooms and the new linen makes them happy as it is something they can call their own in their own private space.



Creative Arts Therapy Programs

At Safe Futures, the aim of the Creative Arts Therapy program is to develop a safe space for individual and group work where women and children feel safe, uninterrupted and free to express themselves in a creative and often non-verbal manner. When clients are involved in creative arts therapies it can help to foster social engagement, and develop strategies to create relaxation and calmness. Creative arts therapies can restore a sense of physical safety, and in women and children who have experienced family violence, a greater sense of well being.

Over a period of time where there is abuse and violence, some clients have experienced an inability to express themselves, and then possibly an over-exposure to therapeutic interventions. Creative arts can provide a non-verbal means for people to express themselves more freely, and explore their emotions and feelings in a non-threatening way.

At Safe Futures we have always supported the ethic of the Family Violence sector

that the woman is expert in her own life. Modern research supports the proposition that the therapist and the client can work together to best aid recovery. The belief of the need for the client to self-regulate has been replaced with the understanding that the journey towards recovery from trauma can often best be supported through co-regulation. Creative arts with a trained therapist can provide this valuable opportunity.

We are indebted to a number of Trusts and philanthropic supporters that have enabled us to further develop the Creative Arts Therapy programs in 2017-18:

- **StreetSmart through its CafeSmart and DineSmart programs** has provided funding for Creative Arts Therapy programs
- **The Rotary Club of Croydon** has generously donated shelving for “Little Sunbeams”, plus extensive cupboard space for Creative Arts Therapy programs for children in the Children’s Room.
- The **Frank & Flora Leith Charitable**

Fund have generously supported Safe Futures over many years by providing funds for a wide range of equipment and services to enhance client services. We were pleased to receive additional funding in 2017-18 to equip a Creative Arts space with a reverse cycle air-conditioner, plus therapeutic services for women and children.

- The **Danks & Annie Danks Trust** have also been long time supporters of Safe Futures. In 2017-18 they have committed to supporting further development of an additional space for Creative Arts Services where group work will take priority. New storage areas have been funded, and a needs analysis will be carried out to determine whether new strategies or resources can be developed to enhance future programs for groupwork. Direct service staff will be given opportunities to be fully involved so there is wider understanding of the value of the programs and the benefits for clients

Thank you

We acknowledge with great appreciation the following donors, trusts, foundations, community groups, congregations, businesses and the government whose generosity and commitment this year enables Safe Futures to do the important work we do

Community Partners

- Ambulance Victoria
- Anglicare
- Australian Childhood Foundation
- Australasian College of Emergency Medicine
- Benwerrin
- Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service
- Business without Borders
- CEHL Housing
- Centrelink
- City Councils - Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges
- Community Housing Limited
- Courts - Magistrates, Children’s Family
- Croydon Community School
- Department of Education and Training
- Doncare
- DHHS - Office of Disability
- DHHS - Homelessness and Family Violence Teams
- Domestic Violence Victoria
- EACH
- Eastern Emergency Relief Network
- Eastern Regional Family Violence Partnership
- EDVOS
- Health - a range of Hospitals, Medical and Health Care Services
- Housing Choices
- In Touch
- Knoxbrooke Inc.
- Maroondah Maternal and Child Health
- Melbourne University
- Migrant Information Centre
- Monash University
- Office of Housing
- Quantum Support Services
- Salvation Army - EastCare
- Swinburne University of Technology
- The TOWN Club - Blackburn
- The Michael Centre
- Uniting Wesley
- Victorian Police
- WESNET
- Women with Disability Victoria

- Victorian Legal Aid - Ringwood

Corporate Support

- AMart
- Arthur Radley Restaurant
- Bank Australia
- Bunnings - Bayswater, Chirnside, Croydon, Ringwood
- Coles
- Commonwealth Bank
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Forty Winks - Chirnside
- Good Guys - Bayswater, Chirnside
- IPP Consulting
- JB HiFi
- K-Mart - Chirnside, Ringwood
- Legend Australia Holdings
- Logan and Mason
- Philip Webb Real Estate - Doncaster East
- OneTec
- Perry Weston Solicitors
- Ray White Real Estate
- SMC Monitoring Centre

Trusts, Foundations and Philanthropic Support

- Alannah and Madeline Foundation
- Danks & Annie Danks Trust
- Frank and Flora Leith Charitable Trust
- Good360
- Impact for women
- Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation
- RACV Community Foundation
- RSPCA - Kinder Kids Program
- RE Ross Trust
- StreetSmart
- TooGood

Community Support

- Art A Dente
- Aussie Farmer’s Direct
- Church of Christ Community Care
- Country Club Quilters
- Dogs for Life
- Gracedale Knitting Circle
- I Made It Toys
- Knitting for the Needy

- Our individual donors, volunteers and contractors
- Ringwood Empower Church
- Rotary Clubs - Bayswater, Croydon, Ringwood, District 9810, Glen Waverley, Yarra Bend, Mount Waverley
- Scorseby Unity Church
- The 59 Club Australia Inc
- Share the Dignity
- St Kilda Mums
- The Nappy Collective
- Waverly Patchworker’s Guild
- Women in Touch

Individual Donors

- A. Strates
- C. Peterson
- D. Corkery
- F. Hall
- K. Schroer
- K. & D. Yong
- M. Casey
- M.G. Thomas

CLIENT STATEMENT

“I would like to sincerely thank every one that has helped me in my time of need. I never imagined that I would ever go through family violence. Your daily enquires let me know how much you all cared. And at times when I felt alone and afraid of how the next chapter of my life would pan out I did feel comfortable in contacting and asking for help. It was a good feeling knowing there are people out there that are willing to help people that are at their lowest point of their life and feel that they have no-one and have no idea where to turn. So from the deepest part of my heart I would like to express my greatest gratitude to everyone involved you did not only give me a roof over my head,. You have helped me immensely emotionally and now I have the confidence to continue with my life in a positive way so I wont see my experience in a negative way. I have learnt a lot about my self and what I will accept and not accept if I was ever to get in another relationship. Thank you to all and God bless.”

Financial Summary

Summary of Statement of Comprehensive Income for year ending 30 June 2018

	2018 (\$)	2017 (\$)
Total Income	3,219,971.00	3,132,558.00
Expenditure		
Salaries and oncosts	2,307,665.00	2,450,150.00
Operating Costs	768,490.00	1,034,102.00
Total expenditure for the year	3,076,155.00	3,484,252.00
Total comprehensive income for the year	143,816.00	-351,694.00

Summary Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018

Current Assets	1,072,013.00	339,531.00
Non current Assets	1,875,851.00	1,883,884.00
Total Assets	2,947,864.00	2,223,415.00
Current Liabilities	955,032.00	395,555.00
Non Current Liabilities	50,783.00	29,627.00
Total Liabilities	1,005,815.00	425,182.00
Net Assets	1,942,049.00	1,798,223.00
Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,942,049.00	1,798,223.00
Total retained earnings and reserve	1,942,049.00	1,798,223.00

Independent Audit Report

Safe Futures Foundation Inc.

ABN: 19 275 051 972

Independent Audit Report to the Members of Safe Futures Foundation Inc. for the Year Ended 30 June 2018.

Report on the Summary Financial Report

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the Summary financial position as at 30 June 2018 and the Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Safe Futures Foundation Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2018.

I expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in my report dated 26th September 2018. The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Safe Futures Foundation Inc.

Management Responsibility for the Summary Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial report.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on my procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Safe Futures Foundation Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2018 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.



Geoffrey B Johnson
Of Rucker DWC Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Doncaster, Victoria
Date: 26th September 2018



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