

**AIM: To create an equal and respectful Buloke community, free from family violence**

### Objectives

**1.** To build commitment, knowledge and capacity of the primary prevention of family violence of Buloke agencies and project partners

**2.** To develop an evidence based, co-designed Southern Mallee PCP Buloke Partnership Prevention Action Plan for the primary prevention of family violence with partner agencies and the Buloke community

**3.** To build Buloke community awareness, knowledge and skills about the links of gender inequality and family violence through the implementation of the SMPCP Buloke Partnership Prevention Action Plan

### Why?

Southern Mallee Primary Care Partnership (SMPCP) has welcomed the State Government's funding of \$140,000 towards family violence prevention in the Buloke Shire.

SMPCP Buloke Strategic Health and Wellbeing Partnership 2017 – 2021 Action Plan identified preventing family violence as a key priority area. Being an isolated rural community, it is important that Buloke community members have the opportunity to participate in primary prevention initiatives locally.

Reported family violence incidents in the Buloke Shire have increased 11.6% from 2016-2017.

Project desired outcomes include;

- Increased organisation commitment to the primary prevention of family violence across the Southern Mallee
- Increased community awareness and understanding of the links of gender inequality and family violence
- Equal and respectful relationships in public and private life

### How?

The SMPCP Buloke Strategic Health and Wellbeing Partnership will co-design, with the Buloke community, family violence prevention strategies and interventions in the form of localised evidence informed family violence prevention action plan. The action plan will drive change with the community, focusing on gender equality and the primary prevention of family violence. The partnership will work together to reduce the rate of family violence incidents, and create an equal and respectful Buloke community via a planned and evaluated approach to family violence prevention initiatives.

The project will have a strong prevention focus that will enable the community to build their inclusiveness and resilience.

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Australian police are called out to a family violence incident **every two minutes**

**1 in 4** Australian women have experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner

ABS 2012

**One woman is killed in** Australia by a partner or ex **almost every week**

Australian Institute of Criminology 2017

**1 in 19** Australian men have experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner

ABS 2012

### When?

The project will run from January – July 2018. Evaluation of the project will be completed July - August 2018

### Involvement

All Southern Mallee organisations are welcome to participate in the project

### Project Partners

- SMPCP Buloke Strategic Health and Wellbeing Partnership – SMPCP (lead), Buloke Shire Council, East Wimmera Health Service, Mallee Track Health and Community Service
- Women's Health Loddon Mallee
- Wycheproof Community Resource Centre
- Swan Hill District Health (fund holder for SMPCP)

### Background

The Southern Mallee PCP Buloke Strategic Health and Wellbeing Partnership was established in 2012 in response to local agencies identifying a greater need to build on their local relationships and work at a local Government areas level. The SMPCP partnership platform creates opportunities for the local Buloke agencies to collectively plan, create change and action initiatives.

All partnered agencies involved in this project have a relationship and are part of the SMPCP activities; this project will be a process of further building on and strengthening the current relationships that exist and expanding the partnership to include local Buloke community members and other identified and interested agencies.

The Partnership will lead, strengthen and develop further partnerships, and provide governance and oversight to this project with interested agencies, community groups and community members.

