

18th April 2016

We are writing to invite your service to participate in our "Not Now, Not Ever" Family and Domestic Violence activities on Friday 13th May 2016, for the Mount Morgan Community.

Relationships Australia Queensland has been a welcome support to the community in providing assistance of counselling, parenting programs, as well as accessing and linking families, in the community, to other service providers.

Mount Morgan is situated approximately 43km south-west of Rockhampton, with a population of approximately 4,447 permanent residents, with the Indigenous population making up approximately 9%. Mount Morgan community has many issues in the community stemming from domestic violence and in many families the domestic violence is intergenerational.

We are proposing to host a:

- (a) DV Forum consisting of a panel of 3 / 4 guest speakers, Q&A
- (b) Lead by the White Ribbon Ambassador and Walk A-Mile-In Her Shoes Representative, community members walk to show their support in raising awareness for Domestic and Family Violence - participating males are encouraged to wear women's shoes;
- (c) Signing of the "Taking A-Stance-Against Domestic Violence" Pledge Board; and
- (d) Street BBQ.


It is envisaged that through a forum such as this the following major issues and barriers of Domestic Violence faced by the local Mount Morgan community can be addressed, but not limited to: reduce the number of incidents of DV; minimise the number of re-offending occurrences of DV and provide a platform for social inclusion and cohesion.

The forum will, but not limited to:

- raise awareness of Family and Domestic Violence;
- highlight the impacts of DV on the family unit;
- address the cycle of Intergenerational Domestic Violence;
- strengthen community relationships, promoting social inclusion, cohesion and reconciliation;
- increase access and break down barriers for participants to services;
- promote individual participants spiritual and emotional wellbeing; and
- develop and strengthen partnerships and relationships with key stakeholders from government and non-government service providers to the Mt Morgan community.

If you and your service would like to participate and or contribute in our activity please do hesitate to contact any RAQ Hub staff member or the local Mt Morgan QPS station.

Thanking you for your time and consideration,

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RAQ Venue Manager