

Hawkesbury Sexual Violence Prevention Network (HSVPN)

PO Box 305, RICHMOND NSW 2753

Purpose

The Hawkesbury Sexual Violence Prevention Network (HSVPN) was established in November, 2004 with the broad aims of:

- improving services for adults living in the Hawkesbury who had been subjected to sexual violence; and
- promoting and facilitating both training and prevention programs

Aims and Objectives

- To increase community awareness of the issues for people who have been subjected to sexual violence (recently or historically)
- To promote an inclusive and coordinated community response within the Hawkesbury to people who have been subjected to sexual violence
- To maintain a commitment to meaningful and active consultation with community members
- To advocate for the development and improvement of services and resources for people who have been subjected to sexual violence
- To promote and facilitate opportunities for training and skills development for workers who provide services for people who have been subjected to sexual violence
- To promote and facilitate the provision of preventative/educational programs/ resources around the issues of sexual violence, informed consent and healthy, respectful relationships
- To provide a safe and open forum for the exchange of information and ideas about issues pertaining to sexual violence
- To explore funding opportunities which facilitate the achievement of any of the above aims

What is sexual violence?

Sexual violence happens when a person is forced into *any* unwanted sexual activity. It is *any sexual behaviour a person has not explicitly agreed to*. It includes instances:

- where physical or emotional force is used;
- where informed consent cannot be given because the person is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; or
- where a person is physically or intellectually incapable of giving consent.

Meetings

For more information contact: Sharon or Imelda on (02) 4578-4190

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HSVPN usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 3.00pm – 5.00pm in the meeting room, Windsor Police Station, Mileham Street, Windsor

Minutes are taken at every meeting and distributed to members

Chair – there is no formal chairperson, though the Womens Health Counsellor acts as chair for most meetings.

Agenda is developed through the month or at the beginning of each meeting

Membership

Member services work directly with people affected by sexual violence and abuse in the Hawkesbury.

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