

# Building a Respectful Community Action Plan 2017–18

## INTRODUCTION

The *Building a Respectful Community Strategy 2017–2021* works towards a gender equitable and non-violent community where women and girls are valued, respected and safe. It draws on current national and Victorian frameworks and strategies to apply an evidence-based, intersectional and regional approach to the primary prevention of violence against women for the northern metropolitan region of Melbourne.

It aims to guide, inspire and support organisations to prevent violence against women and promote gender equity across workplaces, community groups and neighbourhoods, services and facilities, and communications. It also aims to engage new sectors and organisations in this work.

The Strategy was developed by the Building a Respectful Community Partnership, an alliance of 26 organisations that are committed to working together to prevent violence against women, led by Women's Health In the North. All partner organisations have committed to taking action under all five goal areas of the Strategy over the next four years.

## ANNUAL ACTION PLANS

Annual action plans will be created to guide implementation of the *Building a Respectful Community Strategy 2017–2021*. The actions plans will identify the strategies that each partner organisation has chosen to focus on for that financial year. The actions plans will also outline the actions that WHIN will implement to support partners in their chosen strategies. At the end of each period, partners will report on their progress. WHIN will prepare the reports with input and sign-off from all partners.

The purpose of the annual action plan is:

- To act as a motivational tool, by showing the range of action occurring across the region
- To track progress and guide evaluation
- To identify opportunities to develop joint projects and share knowledge and tools
- To guide the actions that WHIN will take to support the *Building a Respectful Community Strategy 2017–2021* implementation.

The first action plan (2017–18) will set up the structure for annual action planning. Once this is established, WHIN's aim is that in future years the partnership will develop more shared actions, with an annual planning session and a strong level of engagement from all partners.