

Engaging Boys/Men

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Our Journey

- A soft but consistent break down of PVAW and the significance that gender roles play.
- Jewish Care has come from a place that is solely service delivery to move into a more conceptual understanding what the main causes and drivers of VAW are.
- We needed to first understand what the effects of inequity are and the way in which they are uniquely embedded within the diverse population of the Victorian Jewish Community.

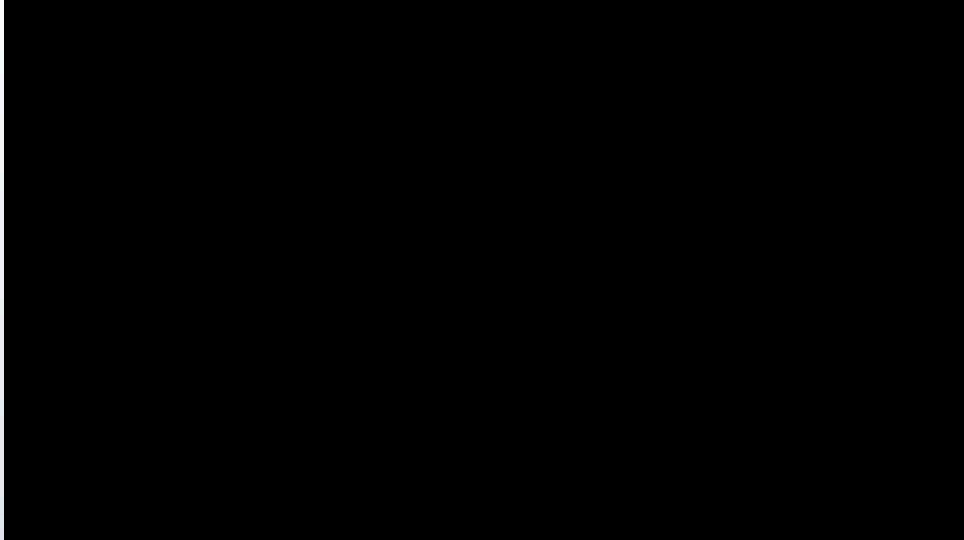


Utilization of Existing programs

- Implementing GE/PVAW work into already existing structures of output, such as our parenting forums.
- Parenting forums- engaging dads to support sons and children. Intergenerational.
- Our work in mental health gave us an 'in' and a way to thread value based messaging through our programs.



Nobody Wins



Men's wellbeing

- Furthering on our current work in mental health this year we moved to better emphasises the importance of Men's Mental Health
- Breaking down traditional constructions of masculinity
- Men's Health Week- a focus on stoicism (rather than masculinity).
- Inclusion and acknowledgement

Moving Forward and Reflections

- A move to look deeper into frameworks of power within GE/PVAW
- Creating a culturally responsive environment via looking into gendered issues for men as well as women.
- Input and feedback of faith leaders.... Key conduits. Inviting allies to share to their experiences – men who are influential and have a positive understanding of masculinity, balanced with masculinities negative impacts on women.

Barriers:

- We are still working within binary assumptions of gender which limits our ability to target diverse gendered relationships within the community.
- Trying to find a balance of ensuring a feminist approach while still engaging with boys/men.