



Social Impact Valuation Statement

This statement certifies the social impact of the Intersectionality and Diverse Communities - Aboriginal Self-determination: A safer future program delivered by Women's Health in the South East, calculated using the Australian Social Value Bank. The values used in this Cost Benefit Analysis have been derived using the Wellbeing Valuation method from data gathered through the HILDA (Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia) and Journeys Home surveys.

Program name: Intersectionality and Diverse Communities - Aboriginal Self-determination: A safer future

Description of program: WHISE facilitated a Community of Practice (COP) among primary prevention workers in the Southern Metropolitan Region (SMR) on 11 February 2020. The Community of Practice addressed a review of what the evidence suggest works to prevent violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and how can our regional primary prevention workforce build its capacity, to further support the collective action that is already taking place? The COP had 30 participants and involved presentations from Our Watch - Changing the Picture and Dhelk Dja, Aboriginal - led Victorian Agreement and Regional Action. A best-practice approach to intersectional work must commence with Australia's colonial history and the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The post program evaluation clearly demonstrated that participants found hearing from and talking to leaders of prevention work from Our Watch, Family Safety Victoria and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), was a unique opportunity.

The program ran until 11 Feb 2020 and the total number of participants was 30. The following outcomes were achieved as a result of the program:

Outcome name: Improved self esteem/ confidence

Outcome description: This outcome shows the social impact of participants having improved self/esteem and a higher level of confidence, in a range of scenarios.

Assumptions: The Community of Practice had 30 participants, Our work seeks to support the regional prevention workforce to achieve meaningful change in a variety of settings and environments. However this valuation considers only the impact on the direct 30 participants and their increased knowledge and peer discussions and the outcome of "improved self esteem/confidence" has been selected as the most suitable outcome for the direct participants as it relates to their health prevention knowledge. When asked what the key take home learnings from the day were, three key themes emerged: 1. That family violence is an everyone problem, not an Aboriginal problem 2. The importance of cultural safety in prevention 3. The importance of self-determination in prevention initiatives Using these learnings , the outcome of improved self esteem/confidence was chosen, most particularly in the participants work roles where they would now have improved knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal self determination, and intersectionality drivers in this community . This is further supported by a post program evaluation survey completed by 20 out of a possible 30 attendees, where to the question of How would you rate your level of knowledge, on the drivers of all forms of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women? - 60% rated good or very good. To the question of How would you rate your understanding and knowledge of Changing The Picture, the national resource for the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women - 32% of respondents rated good or very good. To the question of How would you rate your confidence in applying/incorporating the Changing The Picture findings into your practice? - 37% of respondents rated good or very good. To the question of How would you rate your

understanding and knowledge of Dhelk Dja, the Victorian Aboriginal 10-year family violence agreement for 2018-2028? - 89% of respondents rated above average. Finally to the question of How would you rate your confidence in taking action in the prevention violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women? 95% of respondents rates above average. We have used this evaluation data to assume therefore that all participants would have achieved the outcome of improved self esteem and a higher level of confidence after participation. As the CoP environment promotes many benefits but in particular supports the development of informal and formal connections this allows for ongoing learnings and therefore ongoing increases in self esteem and confidence around the project which would last beyond the immediate CoP and we conservatively estimate would be 12 months minimum even though the CoP is ongoing.

Benefits lasted: 12 months.

The number of people achieving the outcomes during or after the intervention are described in the table below:

Number of people	Number of beneficiaries who...
	Improved self esteem/ confidence
Living in a Capital City	30
Living outside of a Capital City	0

Total number of participants: 30

The total cost of the program is \$6,773. This has been adjusted to account for opportunity cost and optimism bias.

Assumptions: Prevention of Violence Against Women (PVAW) costs are recorded for staff costs, direct costs and indirect overhead allocations. Communities of Practice Launch Event assumes 10% of salary and indirect costs recorded for both January (\$ 1,229) and 25% for February.(\$3,933) Additional direct costs such as travel , catering and accommodation have also been included. (\$743)

The key results of the program are presented below:



The net benefits of the program are \$180,428. This represents a benefit cost ratio of 27.64. The net benefit per participant is \$6,014.

By downloading this statement I, Denise Paxinos, of Women's Health in the South East, confirm that this Social Impact Valuation Statement is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate record of the social impact of this program, and that the relevant rules of application have been followed.

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