

Kyogle Domestic and Family Violence Working Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Name

Kyogle Anti-Violence Alliance (KAVA)

Purpose of Kyogle Anti-Violence Alliance (KAVA)

The group will focus on providing the best possible outcomes for all people and their animals affected by domestic and family violence (D&FV), given the current resources available in the local area including those provided by outreach services.

The group will provide local leadership, greater shared decision making, joint planning and problem solving, sharing knowledge and skills, and aims to develop a more co-ordinated whole of government and community approach to addressing D&FV at the local level.

The group takes in the Kyogle LGA.

Its role will be independent of, but hopefully complementary to, any state, regional or local D&FV plans that may currently exist.

It will also:

- Address the structural causes of gender-based violence and the violence experienced by women and girls as a result of systemic gender inequality
- Acknowledge and advocate that it is a Human Right to live a life free from violence.
- Bring together Domestic and Family Violence service workers and clients experiencing D&FV, representatives from local and regional communities and agencies
- Identify local gaps, needs and opportunities in service provision and prevention and communicate this information to the Regional Northern NSW Combined Domestic and Family Violence Response Forum (a KAVA representative to attend each meeting), to government and community decision-makers to enhance services in the Kyogle LGA.
- Identify needs, such as training and resources, that could provide value for money and/or greater impact by being delivered/produced on a local basis, whilst promoting use of regional resources within our local communities
- Facilitate communication between all stakeholders and KAVA regarding needs, gaps, opportunities and any other relevant issues
- Support Aboriginal Champions/Leaders to advocate for safer communities. KAVA aims to support Aboriginal Elders as Champions who advocate against violence for their communities
- Advocate alongside LGBTQ+, gender and sexuality and diverse communities to have a strong voice against violence
- Advocate alongside multicultural and migrant communities and people from refugee backgrounds to have a strong voice against violence.
- To combine efforts around activities such as but not limited to 16 days of Activism, Elder Abuse awareness week, White Ribbon Day, International Human Rights Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women including promotion for individual events and universal D&FV media campaigns for example

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Membership

Membership would be extended to but not limited to:

- Muli Muli community
- Kyogle Family Support Services
- Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council
- NSW Police (DVLO)
- Community members welcome
- Country Women's Association (CWA)
- Kyogle Council
- Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre (NRCLC)
- Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)
- Kyogle Together Inc. - Kyogle Youth Action (KYA) - The Fair. Share. Kitchen
- Momentum Collective
- NSW Health
- Department of Justice
- Department of Family and Community Services
- Department of Education and Training
- Housing services
- Gugin Guddaba Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Headspace
- ACON Northern Rivers
- Consortium of Neighbourhood Centre's (CONC)
- Legal Aid
- Men & Family Centre

We welcome new members and suggestions for membership

Meetings

Frequency: Every 2 months – 2nd Thursday of the month

Facilitator: Kyogle Together Inc.

Secretariat: Agenda, minutes to be circulated by Facilitator. Minutes to be taken by
Kyogle Family Support Neighbourhood Centre

Quorum: All members are required to attend to make up a Quorum of 5 for any major decisions

Venue: Venues in Kyogle LGA and online when not able to meet in person

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Time: 11am to 1pm

Minutes and Agenda

- Any member of the group may put forward agenda items which will be forwarded to the Facilitator by close of business, six working days prior to the next scheduled meeting.
- The agenda, with attached meeting papers, will be distributed at least four working days prior to the next scheduled meeting
- Full copies of the minutes, including attachments, shall be provided to meeting attendee's no later than fourteen working days following each meeting.

Previous Project of KAVA Include:

- 16 Days of Activism activities
- Community Education including Cut It Out Training, Bystander Intervention Training
- It All Begins with Love – theatre production
- Love a Cuppa
- F&DV training - 101

This document will be reviewed annually (December of each year) or as change is required.