

USEFUL CONTACTS

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention
and Legal Service Victoria

Freecall: 1800 105 303 (not free from mobile)

Head Office: L3, 70-80 Wellington Street, Collingwood 3066

Ph: 03 9244 3333 / Fax: 03 9416 0147

information@fvpls.org

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service of Victoria

Crisis telephone support, safety plans and emergency
accommodation (24 hour crisis support) Ph: 1800 015 188

Elizabeth Hoffman House Aboriginal Women's Refuge

Ph: 1800 796 112 / 03 9482 5744 / 0407 937 202

Centre Against Sexual Assault

Ph: 1800 806 292 (24 hour crisis support)

Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative

Warrnambool Toll free: 1800 629 729 / (03) 5559 1234

Kirrae Health Services

Ph: (03) 5567 1270

Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation Heywood

Toll free: 1800 009 967 / (03) 5527 2051

Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative

Ph: (03) 5277 0044

Dhauwurd-Wurrung Elderly

& Community Health Service Portland

Ph: (03) 5521 7535

Kikkabush Aboriginal Organisation

Ph: 0449 282 534

Emma House

- Family violence counselling and support,
emergency housing, outreach service

Warrnambool Ph: (03) 5561 1934

Hamilton Ph: (03) 5571 1778

Portland Ph: (03) 5521 7937

Barwon South West Homelessness Helpline

Toll free: 1800 993 093

Barwon Domestic Violence Outreach Service (Geelong)

Ph: (03) 5224 2903

Police/Ambulance

Ph: 000

Victoria Legal Aid

Warrnbambool Ph: (03) 5559 7222

Geelong - Toll free: 1800 196 200 or (03) 5226 5666

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

Toll free: 1800 064 865 or (03) 9419 3888

South West Community Legal Centre

Ph: 1300 361 680

Barwon Community Legal Service

Ph: (03) 5221 4744

Brophy Family Services (Warrnambool)

Counselling and support for women and children
includes - Victims of Crime Assistance Program
(Warrnambool, Portland, Heywood, Hamilton)

Ph: (03) 5561 8888

Barwon Victims Assistance and Counselling

Program (Geelong)

Ph: (03) 5278 8122

Community Connections Barwon South West

Counselling and Support

Ph: 1300 361 680

Lifeline

Ph: 1300 361 680

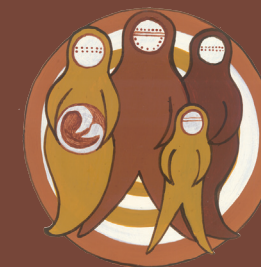
Centre for Human Rights & Social Justice

79 Liebig Street, Warrnambool

1300 361 680

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BARWON SOUTH WEST
1800 105 303



'FVPLS Victoria Standing Firm
Against Family Violence'

Warrnambool Office
135 - 137 Kepler Street, Warrnambool 3280
(PO Box 404 Warrnambool)
Ph 1800 105 303
www.fvpls.org

ABOUT FVPLS VICTORIA

FVPLS Victoria is funded through a number of sources including the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department, Victoria Legal Aid and Department of Justice Victoria to provide assistance to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders victims of family violence and sexual assault and to parents/carers of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders children. We are not funded to assist perpetrators.

WHAT SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

LEGAL ADVICE

- Intervention Orders
- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Victims' Assistance
- Other related legal problems

Telephone 1800 105 303 or 03 5153 2322 and explain that you are ringing from Barwon South West.

COUNSELLING

Counselling sessions can be important for well-being during stressful times. Having supports in place can also make the legal process less difficult to cope with.

FVPLS Victoria is funded to provide counselling sessions. Our paralegal support worker based in the region will assist to arrange this. Telephone 1800 105 303.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND POLICY/LAW REFORM

FVPLS Victoria works with families and communities affected by violence through community projects such as our Sisters Day Out® well-being workshops. We are also committed to long-term systemic change through policy development and law reform.

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BARWON SOUTH WEST SERVICE

Ph: 1800 105 303



WHAT AREAS DO WE SERVICE?

FVPLS Victoria services metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. Our offices are based in Collingwood (Head Office), Bairnsdale, Warrnambool and Mildura.

OUR BARWON SOUTH WEST OFFICE

A full time Solicitor and Paralegal Support Worker are based in Warrnambool to cover the whole Barwon South West region.

WHERE WILL THE APPOINTMENT BE?

We can see you in the Barwon South West office or we will travel to an outreach location at or near where you live to meet with you. We will make sure you are comfortable with the location we meet at. We have a number of options in most towns.

CONTACTING THE SERVICE

Appointments and enquiries for the entire region can be made by calling 1800 105 303.

Visit our website for more information www.fvpls.org

LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Intervention Orders

Assistance with applications, extensions and variations of intervention orders in the Magistrates Court. Assistance where breaches of intervention orders occur.

Family Law

In situations of family violence, assistance with parenting orders, property disputes, divorce and child support issues. Assistance in the form of advice, representation at mediation (if appropriate) and court applications.

Child Protection

Legal advice as soon as Child Protection services make contact is important. Assistance to negotiate with the Department of Human Services, advocacy at case plan meetings and representation in the Children's Court in child protection cases.

Victims of Crime

Advice and assistance for victims of family violence including sexual assault and childhood sexual assault. Assistance with applications to the Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT). Referrals to specialist private solicitors for civil claims.

Other Legal Problems

Advice, assistance or referral where other legal problems arise which relate to family violence such as Centrelink issues, debts or fines.

Legal Aid

Assistance with applications to Victoria Legal Aid to cover legal costs. If Legal Aid is not available for some reason we will explore other options and discuss this with you.