HELPING COUNCILS STOP FAMILY VIOLENCE BEFORE IT STARTS

The Andrews Labor Government’s efforts to prevent family violence will be presented today as part of a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) showcase.

The projects being showcased are part of $345,000 in grants to 10 local governments through the Local Government’s Prevention of Violence Against Women program to tackle family violence at a community level.

The grants fund a range of innovative projects to prevent family violence and improve gender equality including:

- a new e-learning module created by Port Phillip City Council to educate local government about the link between gender equality and family violence in Port Phillip, Bayside, Stonnington, Monash and Glen Eira
- new guidelines designed by Whittlesea City Council to make community facilities more gender equitable
- a short film created by Maroondah City Council showcasing the benefits of gender equality in sporting clubs in Maroondah, Knox and Yarra
- a program by Frankston City Council to support new parents about gender roles and family expectations
- a toolkit developed by Nillumbik Shire Council for encouraging gender equality in employment

The Municipal Association of Victoria is hosting a showcase today to share some of these innovative practices that are being led by local government to stop the negative attitudes and behaviours that drive violence.

These programs support the Labor Government’s ongoing investment and effort to help stop family violence before it starts across the state.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Jill Hennessy

“Local government is on the front line of stopping family violence before it starts in our community – that’s why we’ve invested in these grants.”

“Each of these projects will help to promote gender equality and respect in our communities.”

Quotes attributable to Municipal Association of Victoria President Cr Mary Lailos

“Through their close relationships with their communities, Victorian councils are leading the way in promoting gender equality and preventing violence against women.”

“This diverse range of projects shows that with support, councils can drive the social change needed to achieve a society free of violence against women.”