

NOTICE OF MEDIA EVENT

Australian First – Launch of Centre for Non-Violence

In what is believed to be an Australian first, EASE will launch the Centre for Non-Violence in Bendigo on Wednesday, 25 November - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The Hon. Alastair Nicholson, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, and Patron of the award-winning program for schools "Solving The Jigsaw", will formally launch the Centre for Non-Violence on Wednesday at 5.00pm.

Margaret Augerinos, CEO of EASE, says, "The Centre for Non-Violence is a new initiative aimed at engaging the broader community in working towards non-violence, particularly in relation to violence against women and children. The centre will be active in policy, research and in encouraging community debate and social action. The centre is the perfect vehicle to help us work towards our vision – 'together we can end violence, bullying and abuse'".

"In addition, the Centre houses some of our innovative projects such as Solving the Jigsaw, and provides a space for other research and policy forums such as the Loddon Mallee Accommodation Network and the Integrated Family Violence Service Consortium programs including the Loddon Campaspe Men's Behaviour Change Program."

Ms. Augerinos added, "EASE has been a leader in the field of violence prevention work for many years. We have worked since our inception to end violence against women and children. Not only is EASE a leader in our field in providing a wide range of services to women and children who have experienced family and domestic violence, but we have also developed and delivered the best-practice violence prevention program "Solving The Jigsaw" since 1997."

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Launch Details:

Centre for Non-Violence, 437 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Wednesday, 25 November, 2009 – 5.00pm to 6.15pm

Due to venue size restrictions, the event is by invitation only. A number of local dignitaries and identities have been invited and will be attending – including White Ribbon Day Ambassadors.

Alastair Nicholson will be available for media interviews from 4.00-5:00 pm at the Centre for Non-Violence.