



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Safety for all



About us

The Mallee Sexual Assault Unit (MSAU) and Mallee Domestic Violence Services (MDVS) provide services for women, men and children throughout the Northern and Southern Mallee region, border communities of New South Wales, the Mallee Track and Shires of Gannawarra and Buloke. Our services are free and available to all victims and survivors.

Our Vision

Safety for all.



Our Purpose

To reduce the prevalence and impact of sexual assault and domestic and family violence in the Mallee. We do this through:

- partnerships
- raising community awareness
- prevention and early intervention
- specialist coordinated care

President's Report



Throughout the 2022-23 year, Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc. has continued to provide specialist 24-hour crisis care services, counselling, advocacy, support and therapeutic treatment services for children under 18 years with problem sexualised behaviours, and sexually abusive behaviours.

Outreach counselling clinics were conducted throughout the region, including Robinvale, Swan Hill, Ouyen, Kerang, Sea Lake, Wycheproof, Manangatang, Donald, Birchip, Charlton, Nyah, Lake Boga and the Mallee Track districts. Victim survivors from the NSW townships of Dareton, Wentworth, and Balranald have also received services.

Mallee Domestic Violence Services responded to the needs of people who had experienced or witnessed domestic/family violence throughout the Mallee regions in Victoria and the border communities of New South Wales and South Australia.

Services provided include counselling, crisis care, emergency and transitional accommodation, support, advocacy, group programs and preventative education programs and family violence therapeutic services. Throughout 2022-2023 the organisation delivered prevention and education programs about sexual violence and family violence throughout the region.

Volunteerism is a strong feature of regional communities and this rings true for our organisation as well. As you may know, the role of a Committee of Management (COM) member is a voluntary one, where passionate people dedicate their time to help make their communities safer, more caring and more resilient. My volunteer colleagues have contributed great amounts of their personal time and energy over the past year to deal with a series of additional requests on them, far above the usual commitments that a community volunteer board member might expect. To those COM members who continue to serve, I want to thank them for their unwavering dedication and support in a challenging year, I could not have executed the role of President without my colleagues Paul Avery (VP), Emily Craig and Cr. Mark Eckel.

During the last twelve months we have also farewelled some members of the COM, namely Lorraine Thiele, although Lorraine remains with MSAU as a staff member, Dennis McLaughlan, Prue Burgun, and Peter Mailes. On behalf of the COM, I would like to thank each of them for their contribution over varying periods of time.

Our organisation has also received great external support throughout this year, particularly from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and Family Safety Victoria. In particular I would like to acknowledge Deputy Secretary North Division Anne Congleton, Executive Director Mallee Teresa Cavallo and Executive Director of Family Safety Victoria Kelly Stanton.

We acknowledge our partner organisations Victoria Police, Family Safety Victoria, Sunraysia Community Health Services, Mallee Accommodation & Support Program, Mallee Family Care, Mallee District Aboriginal Services, and Mildura Base Public Hospital.

The Committee of Management (COM) acknowledges and recognises our hard-working staff who have experienced additional challenges this year with multiple changes to key roles. Your dedication and perseverance in these challenging times has been admirable and demonstrates your commitment to this specialised and vital work.

This year has been nothing short of a watershed moment for our organisation. This time of deep introspection presents us with the opportunity to set our organisation up for the coming generation of service provision. The organisation has not known any other CEO than Jo Sheehan-Paterson in its 30+ year history. We thank Jo for her extraordinary commitment to the organisation and to her pioneering work in our sector. As we embark on the journey of choosing the next CEO of the organisation, I can attest to the fact that we feel the full weight of this generational decision, that will ultimately shape our organisation for the years to come.

We are also looking at our organisational structure and you will already have seen some positive changes in recent times. It is also important that we get the balance between funding and EFT right to ensure we have the right people in the right positions to meet the demands of the work as best we can.

Key amongst the positive appointments we have made, has been that of Glenis Beaumont in the Acting CEO role. You no doubt will all have witnessed how dedicated, methodical and compassionate she is. We could not have taken such important steps forward without her skills, experience and application. I extend the thanks of the Staff and the COM to Glenis for her outstanding work at a critical moment in time.

After a year that has been peppered with a range of challenges, we are actively looking to the next iteration of the COM and our Organisation with new Directors. This search is well under way and I look forward to being able to share with you the names of the successful applicants who will soon sit around the Board table.

If I can leave you with these final sentiments, we have much work to do in the coming year but we are well placed for another positive year of growth and innovation. We look ahead to the possibility of new accommodation for our organisation and we are currently completing the ground work that will allow us to take the next steps.

As this year draws to a close, let us take the time to be mindful of the people who have been impacted or lost to family violence or who have experienced sexual violence, whether it be in historic or more recent times. It is with the victim survivors that we are able to do some of the most privileged and rewarding work in our sector, as they share their stories with us. Their bravery is a constant reminder of peoples innate strength, particularly in the face of the most tragic and adverse of circumstances.

Chris Hobart
President MSAU-MDVS

Committee of Management



*Chris Hobart
President*



*Paul Avery
Vice President*



*Emily Craig
Member*



*Mark Eckel
Member*

Retiring members in 2023

- Peter Mailes
- Prudence Burgun
- Lorraine Thiele

Life members

- Lisa-Maree Stevens
- Joseph Watson
- Lorraine Thiele

The Executive team



*Glenis Beaumont,
Acting CEO*



*Jason Spratt,
Executive
Manager Client
Services*



*Prue Morris,
Human
Resources*



*Simon Rohde,
Executive
Manager
Financial Services*



*Mary Bassi,
Manager Quality
Assurance*

Acting CEO Report



Some months ago, I responded to a request to provide executive management support to Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc. and Mallee Domestic Violence Services (MSAU-MDVS). I had some uncertainty about undertaking the role as I had not previously worked in the clinical specialities of MSAU-MDVS. However, I found the staff and the Committee of Management to be supportive and very helpful over these five months.

My experiences while in the Acting CEO role have shown me how committed our staff are to their roles and to the clients that they serve. Describing their work as challenging underplays the enormity of knowledge, skills and experience that is applied to each and every client encounter, each and every day. The Committee of Management and the community can be proud of the achievements to improve our clients lives each year through the work of MSAU-MDVS.

To support the growth and development of key operational areas, MSAU-MDVS have recruited subject matter experts in Client Services – Jason Spratt, Finance – Frank Piscioneri, Human Resources/Administration – Prue Morris, and Capital Works Projects – Brian Smith.

I thank these staff for their contributions along with executive team members – Simon Rohde and Mary Bassi.

Throughout this report you will read about the key elements of services that MSAU-MDVS provides or about services that are provided by partner organisations. It is an impressive list of partnerships across industry, who work together to provide the range and type of services that the clients of MSAU-MDVS require.

While much is achieved within and beyond these arrangements, there are physical limitations within the infrastructure that we occupy. The Mildura Multi-Disciplinary Centre (MDC) has evolved over time and now occupies five separate buildings, but despite the close geography of the buildings, the fragmentation of the buildings does have impact on service delivery and on our function as teams.

Mildura has a proud history as one of Victoria's first MDCs, in particular because of the breadth of co-located services which even today offer greater services than other Victorian MDCs.

This year the organisation was subject to an accreditation mid-term review, and I am pleased to report that the audit was successful. The mid-term review is a quality process that forms part of our 'QIP' (Quality Innovation Performance) Accreditation and it is important to maintain accreditation as it confirms our organisation as a reputable, safe and competent organisation to provide services.

Thank you and well done to all that provide essential services on behalf of MSAU-MDVS.

G. Beaumont

MFV Executive Report

The Mallee Family Violence Executive (MFVE) was established in 2006 to improve the integration of services, playing a vital role in the transformation of service delivery and community responses to family violence. Since our inception the MFVE has played a system leadership role focused on increasing the safety of victim survivors and accountability of perpetrators.

Connect and Grow

This year the MFVE and our workforce working group partnered with La Trobe University, to deliver the Connect and Grow event at La Trobe Mildura campus.

The aims of the event were:

- To encourage and facilitate an opportunity for industry professionals in the community and human services field to network with current students and prospective students – looking to enter the industry.
- Offer a keynote speech by a La Trobe researcher, that would entice registrations from industry and current students, but also still interest prospective students.
- Provide an opportunity for the audience to hear from a panel of local practitioners about their career journeys and what they love about working in the sector.

EDUCATION

Social work showcased to future workforce

SARAH BUCHECKER | MAY 15 2023



Principal strategic advisor for Mallee Family Violence Executive, Donna Strong and La Trobe Mildura head of campus Sandy Connor. Picture: Ben Gross

SOCIAL work students and industry professionals will have the opportunity to learn and be inspired at a networking panel event this Thursday.

La Trobe University and Mallee Family Violence Executive's Connect and Grow: Social Workers of the Future aims to bring together all parts of the social work sector to enhance the local workforce.

Collaboration

The MFVE is working in collaboration with SuniTAFE Creative Design students to develop promotional material to engage with young people who are exploring career options. These digital media design will be shared with schools as well as via social media and our website, to promote the Community Services sector as a career option.

Strategic Planning and Leadership

The MFVE has invested over \$20,000 to strengthen our strategic leadership. We have reviewed our strategic priorities and redeveloped our action plan for 2024-25. Our priorities, Primary Prevention, Workforce, Leadership, Governance and Integration. This investment has also supported the development of a communication strategy, new branding for the MVFE and its working groups (to be launched) as well as a website which is currently under construction. The MFVE has extended its reach in the community via our quarterly newsletter, sharing events, updates, training and news from the family violence sector.

Workforce Development

Workforce development across the Mallee has remained at the forefront of the MFVE's strategic thinking. We have invested \$37,000 to build the capability of practitioners through training, resources and tailored MARAM Alignment communities of practice.

MARAM Collaborative Practice Training: since its commencement, we have training over 290 professionals.

Graduates and new professionals have been provided with tailored primary prevention training.

Family Violence Resource book packs have been gifted to new professionals, to local organisations and to secondary schools.



Dr. Sarah MacLean. Associate Professor Social Work and Social Policy, LaTrobe University

Donna Strong
Principal Strategic Advisor
Mallee Family Violence Executive



RAMP Report

A Risk Assessment and Management Panel (a 'RAMP') is a formally convened meeting held throughout various regions in Victoria. RAMP members participate in conducting multi-agency risk assessment of people who are at a high risk of serious harm from family violence.

Representatives from key agencies and organisations include:

- Victoria Police
- Specialist Women's Family Violence Agencies (including MSAU-MDVS)
- Department of Corrections and Justice Services
- DFFH – (Child Protection and Housing)
- Clinical mental health services
- Alcohol and drug services

Each representative attends RAMP and shares their relevant expertise and knowledge relating to risk. RAMPs become involved via a referral if the usual service system has not been able to mitigate serious risk by the perpetrator due to systemic and structural barriers and/or intensifying, overt, calculating, and immutable perpetrator behaviour.

RAMP members participate in action planning to mitigate risk for cases deemed to be at serious or extreme risk. The panel focuses on the perpetrator, whilst simultaneously centralising the safety of victim survivors, who are mostly women and children.

Through a collaborative approach RAMPs aim to:

- Reduce serious risk posed by perpetrators (to victim survivors, themselves and any identified third party) and hold perpetrators accountable for their violence
- Increase the safety of victims of family violence who are at serious risk of serious injury or death
- Increase agency accountability and strengthen the capacity of the service system to achieve the above two aims.

There are 18 RAMPs across Victoria, with one in each of the 17 Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) areas, and an additional RAMP in Wimmera Southwest. The Mallee RAMP covers Mildura Rural City Council, Swan Hill City Council, Buloke City Council, and Gannawarra Shire. A RAMP referral is made to the local RAMP closest to where the victim survivor is living. However, it is recognised that victim survivors escaping family violence may change accommodation or relocate from one area to another, as can perpetrators. This is especially true in 'border towns'.

Mildura is in a unique location, as it is a 'border town' to NSW, as well as a close neighbour to S.A. In these instances, RAMPs work diligently to include relevant agencies or organisations that best represent the perpetrator or victim survivor, if this is relevant to their situation. RAMP members are also able to utilise information sharing legislation to apply their knowledge, expertise, and professional contacts to assist in gathering information on the history and current situation regarding both the perpetrator and victim survivor in NSW and S.A.

RAMP cases continue to be heard and reviewed monthly until the RAMP safety factors have been completed, serious risk has been stabilised and/or deescalated, and the panel is confident that a standard system response can manage future risk.

- In the 2023-2023 Financial Year, there were 33 RAMP referrals logged to be heard at Mallee RAMP compared to 28 referrals made in 2021-2022 and
- In 2022-2023, the new cases that were managed by the Mallee RAMP were 25, compared to 22 in 2021-2022

And lastly... In acknowledgement that hearing about, and working with, trauma, stress and high-risk cases can have a personal impact over time, RAMP members can access regular supervision, Employee Assistance Program, the DFFH Employee Wellbeing and Support Program; as well as that, the RAMP Co-Chairs can provide support and, individual and group debriefing sessions demonstrates the multi-agency understanding of the challenges and difficulty in dealing with RAMP cases. These options are all at no cost and are confidential.

Amandah Johnson
Risk Assessment Management Panel Coordinator – Mallee



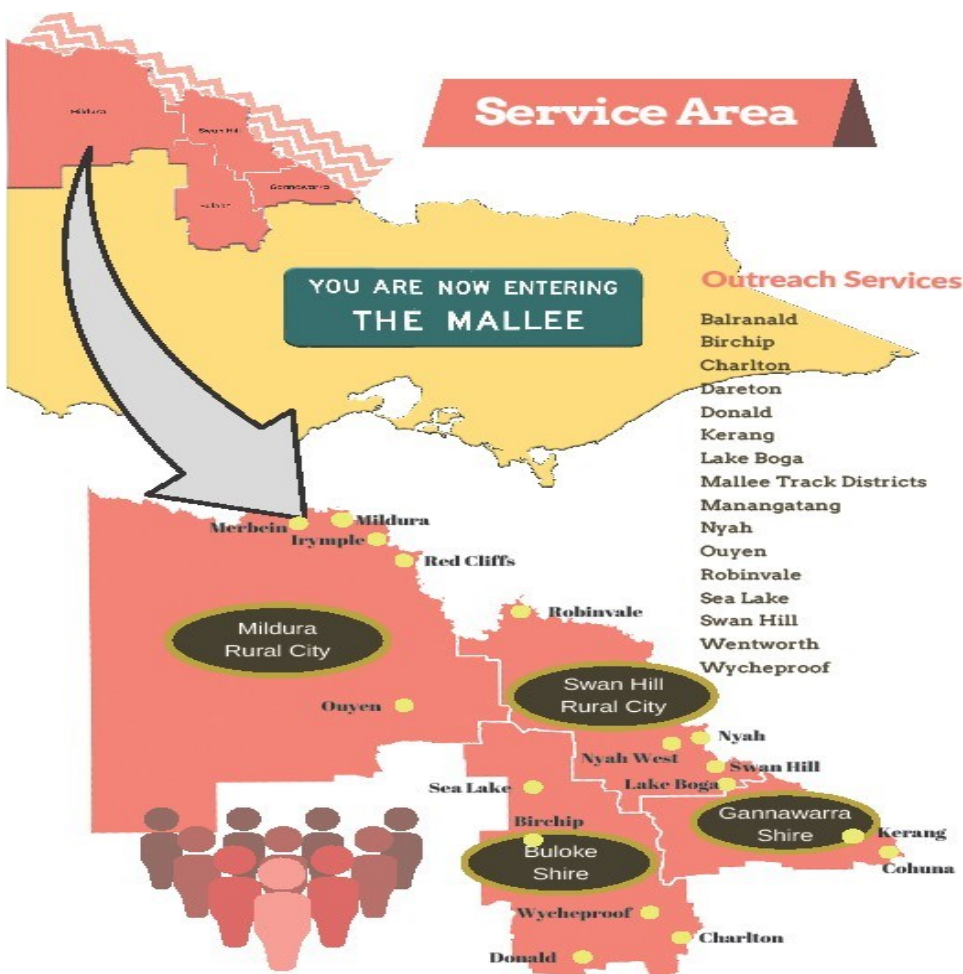
Walk Against Family Violence, organised by the MRCC on 17/11/2023

Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group

Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group has a pivotal role in implementing community led responses that educate, prevent, respond to and reduce family violence in the Aboriginal community. The Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group is an inclusive mechanism for the Aboriginal community to develop local responses to family violence matters, ensuring they are responsive and culturally relevant to Aboriginal individuals, families and communities in the Mallee area.

As part of our administration, Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group manages the use of Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group Discretionary Funds. The Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group also manages and supports the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) which funds Aboriginal community projects that aim at reducing and preventing family violence. Throughout the years we have built a good rapport with Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc. Mallee Domestic Violence Services and we have a shared understanding of preventing family violence in our Community.

Through the Mallee Dhelk Dja Action Group (MDDAG) Chair and Sharon Oates, Regional Coordinator, we actively participate in and strengthen partnership links with the Regional Integrated Family Violence Strategy, Mallee Family Violence Executive, Northern Mallee Family Violence Network, Aboriginal services and mainstream service providers.



The MDC Nurse Program

The impact of sexual assault on the health and wellbeing of victim/survivors and affected family members is well documented, including short and long-term effects. The role of the Community Health Nurse (CHN) within the MDC is to assist and support these victim/survivors to access appropriate and timely health care by linking them in with the health system, other mainstream services and other MDC partner agencies.

The Covid pandemic saw the CHN working remotely as well as being deployed elsewhere, however post pandemic saw relocation back to the MDC on a part time basis. The 2022/2023 year has seen the return of the MDC nurse to the MDC location four days per week. The end of 2022 saw a change in staff to the MDC Nurse role, with a short transition period of two nurses, to one. The incoming MDC Nurse, El Brewster, being very grateful for the guidance of outgoing Nurse, Kate Maloney.

The MDC Nurse program has received 121 referrals over the 2022/2023 period. The majority of these referrals continue to be sent in by MDC partner agencies, predominantly the Mallee Sexual Assault Unit / Mallee Domestic Violence Services. A number were received from Sunraysia Community Health Services and there were also self-referrals made.

The majority of referrals were referred to the CHN for mental health support, with the next most needed service being the Sexual Health Nurse and Sunraysia GP services. The resignation of long time GP at Sunraysia Community Health as well as GP clinics being unable to take new patients, provided a slight barrier into service, but thankfully Kure Medical, Silverline and Irymple Medical opened their books and services were able to be accessed once more. Sunraysia Community Health Services has commenced its Priority Primary Care Clinic (PPCC) which has thus far been invaluable to the CHN, clients referred into MDC Nurse Program, and also to the community. Continuing as needed, CHN provides outreach to the Refuge.

During the 2022/2023 period 18 clients were supported with brokerage funding through the MDC CHN program. Small amounts of funding were made available to clients who, due to financial barriers, could not access the required health services, were unable to access personal needs to improve health outcomes or couldn't access necessary targeted assessments or therapeutic interventions.

The CHN has collaborated with other programs from SCHS (carers support, community services) to access goods such as clothing, vouchers, continence products, pet food, etc. to help minimise some of the burden clients are facing during these already difficult times.

The CHN nurse looks forward to continuing to assist the people who are referred into the service over the 2023/ 2024 period.



The Orange Door

The Orange Door is a free service that supports people experiencing violence, people using violence, and families who may need support with their parenting or are worried about the development of their children. In the Mallee MSAU-MDVS partner with MASP, MDAS, SCHS and DFFH to deliver integrated risk and needs assessments, safety planning, and crisis responses.

This year saw the acquittal of Recommendation 37 from the Royal Commission into Family Violence (RCFV), which was the establishment of 17 Orange Door's across Victoria. The Mallee Orange Door has also extended its access network across the region, with establishment of an outposting arrangement in Robinvale. While delivering outreach, phone and virtual supports to people across the entire Mallee, The Orange Door can now also provide face-to-face support in Mildura, Swan Hill, Kerang and Robinvale.

In order to accommodate all of The Orange Door partners, renovations on the primary site commenced this year. This will increase the number of onsite spaces for people to receive support face-to-face, and it will expand the floor space available for staff, allowing all Mildura based teams to operate from the same location and to deliver a coordinated, integrated response to people in the Mallee.



Refuge

Family violence refuges are a crucial risk management intervention for victim survivors of family violence and their families. MSAU's family violence refuge, "The Wattle", offers support to victim survivors and their children who are at high risk of injury or death due to family violence, and who cannot stay safely at home.

When the only option is to flee at the point of crisis, The Wattle provides a critical, lifesaving option to victim survivors and their children.

The Wattle is staffed by on-site by specialist family violence professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It offers a stable, secure, supportive environment where victim survivors can begin to regain control over their lives while risk management strategies are put into place to prevent further family violence and hold perpetrators accountable and in view.

By design The Wattle works in partnership with essential community sector services to provide support to victim survivors on-site. These services include, health, legal, housing and financial services.

Mildura Multidisciplinary Centre – MDC

In Mildura the MDC provides victim survivors of sexual violence to receive consistent and comprehensive support from specially trained professionals who are all located at the same site. Detectives, Sexual Assault Counsellors, Community Health Nurses and Child Protection Practitioners work in collaboration to improve;

- support for victims survivors and their families
- and integrate the investigation of sexual offences
- the quality of evidence in sexual offence cases
- the quality of responses from partner organisations

Led by Victoria Police, our partners in the MDC are own Sexual Assault Counsellors, Victoria Polices Sexual Offences and Child-abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT), DFFH's Child Protection team, and Sunraysia Community Health Services (SCHS) Community Health Nurse.

The Mallee MDC also has a strong relationship with our family violence team, as they are located in close proximity to each other.



Main Office: 144-146 Lime Avenue, Mildura

Programs

Sexually Abusive Behaviours Treatment (SABTS)

Sexually abusive behaviours treatment services are located at various sites across Victoria. These services provide assessment of, and therapeutic intervention for up to 24 months for children from birth to up to 17 years who display problematic or abusive sexual behaviours.

The services encourage parents to connect children to treatment in a voluntary capacity and avoid exposing children to any court processes.

A key principle of the services is to acknowledge the historic, individual and systemic issues that lead to these behaviours. Interventions include collaboration with a child's family, school and community.

The Family Violence Therapeutic Intervention (FVTI)

The Family Violence Therapeutic Intervention program provides a stepped care model of therapeutic interventions for adult and child victim/survivors of family violence. The model has been designed to provide tailored, integrated therapeutic support to people who have experienced family violence and their non-offending caregivers and other family and/or other support people.

The model of services includes a therapeutic screening for victim/survivors. MSAU-MDVS has an intake screen for family violence risk and safety factors and integrates a family violence risk assessment into all our work. Clients then become engaged in services provided by MSAU-MDVS, with an internal referral being made to FVTI.

Overview of Service Model:

- MSAU-MDVS therapeutic counselling
- Mental, Emotional, Social Health (MESH) Group
- Restoring Childhood

Referrals are accepted from several sources which can include:

- Family Violence Programs
- The Orange Door
- Victoria Police
- Self-referral
- Family Support & Child First Services
- Child Protection.



I cannot thank
you enough.
I'm so grateful
for all your help.
Could not have
done it without
your help.

MSAU Sexual Violence Services

Our Services Include:

- 24 Hour Crisis Care: For recent assault.
- Counselling and Support: For people who have experienced recent or past sexual assault. Help is also provided for friends and family of the victim.
- Medical Care: for forensic examination and follow-up medical care.
- Support and Information: Regarding medical / legal rights and processes.
- Education: For professional and community groups on the incidence/nature of sexual assault.
- Consultation: To the community, other professionals and local agencies.

We Also have:

- Research: On the incidence of sexual assault.
- Library Resources: Books, articles, videos, pamphlets / brochures for all age groups.
- Multicultural resources.
- Support Groups.
- Advocacy/Referrals: To other services/organisations.
- Community/School Education Programs: Focusing on prevention and breaking down the myths surrounding sexual assault.
- Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (VOCAT): Information and assistance with victims of crime compensation applications.

Sexual Violence Facts:

- Sexual Assault can happen to anyone regardless of age, race, culture, class or ability.
- Most victims/survivors know their attacker.
- Many sexual assaults are premeditated and well planned.
- Most offenders look and act like ordinary people and come from all social classes, income levels, races and age groups.
- Sexual assault in marriage is also a crime.

Victorian Forensic Institute of Medicine (VIFM) -

MSAU-MDVS has a dedicated room that facilitates the initial requirements of assessment and support for relevant clients.

The on-site location is utilised by SOCIT, our staff and the Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNE).

VIFM has recently announced the recruitment of four FNE staff to the Mallee region. The four new team members are located in Mildura and Swan Hill. Having additional FNEs will provide extended hours of service to support our clients.

MDVS Family Violence Services

Our Services Include:

- 24-hour crisis support and intervention.
- Crisis refuge accommodation: safe, short, medium and long-term emergency transitional accommodation for women and children escaping family violence.
- Separate emergency accommodation for men is provided.
- Forensic medical services.
- Support for victims wishing to access the criminal justice system.
- Outreach services.
- Community education and awareness raising about family violence and sexual assault.
- Development and implementation of educational programs and school-based prevention programs.
- Quality care from the appropriately trained and experienced staff, respectful of privacy and dignity regardless of social status, ability, age, sex, race, religion or political belief.
- Short, medium, long-term counselling, advocacy and support for women, men, children, and families to assist with making informed decisions about their circumstances and safety.
- Referrals on behalf of the victim-survivor to other services as necessary.
- Established protocols with relevant organisations in the Mallee region.
- Well demonstrated integrated response to family violence with the Police, Courts, Child Protection Unit, Mental Health Services, and other Health Services.
- Liaison and consultation with community groups in relation to sexual assault and family violence issues.
- Quality resources, skills, and information.

We offer:

- Crisis refuge accommodation
- Medium security accommodation
- Options – about your situation, and support you in whatever choices you make
- Counselling – we offer short term and long-term counselling
- Advocacy – that we are willing to talk to other services for and on behalf of you
- Information – about domestic violence and other services
- Referrals – we are willing to refer you onto other services to meet your needs
- Support – we can help you in whatever your needs are, e.g. attend appointments with you etc.
- Assistance – we offer to help you network and get yourself re-established in the community
- Outreach services – we offer support even if you're not wanting to leave your situation. We also offer follow up support for women and women with children that have left the refuge.

Service highlights during 2023



SABTS supported 21 young people.



RAMP supported 25 people to increase their safety.



MSAU staff in The Orange Door supported almost 2500 people.



Family Violence Services opened 418 new support periods for people.



Sexual Assault Services opened 282 new support periods for people.



29 families were supported in refuge accommodation.

Financial Report

personal advice you can count on



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Chairperson
Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc.
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year 30th June 2023, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible officer's declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) Giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30th June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year 30th June 2023; and
- (b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Reports*. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the code) that are relevant to our audit of financial reports in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could be reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of the audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the registered entity.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the registered entity's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the responsible entity regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Robert Court CPA
16th October 2023

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MALLEE SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT INCORPORATED

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	2	13,601,980	10,728,122
Employee benefits expense		(6,693,817)	(6,301,105)
Administration & operating expenses		(3,287,679)	(1,742,325)
Depreciation & amortisation expenses		(232,537)	(189,991)
Interest expense		-	-
<i>Profit before income tax expense</i>		<u>3,387,947</u>	<u>2,494,701</u>
<i>Income tax expense</i>		-	-
<i>Profit from operations</i>		<u>3,387,947</u>	<u>2,494,701</u>

MALLEE SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	16,979,719	13,689,863
Trade and other receivables	5	506,166	187,073
Total Current Assets		<u>17,485,885</u>	<u>13,876,936</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Establishment Fees		-	788
Property, plant & equipment	6	3,986,323	3,950,184
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>3,986,323</u>	<u>3,950,972</u>
Total Assets		<u>21,472,208</u>	<u>17,827,908</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	1,305,296	1,232,470
Short term provisions	8	828,233	794,316
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,133,529</u>	<u>2,026,786</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long term provisions	8	540,295	390,685
Borrowings	9	10	10
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>540,305</u>	<u>390,695</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>2,673,834</u>	<u>2,417,481</u>
Net Assets		<u>18,798,374</u>	<u>15,410,427</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings	10	18,798,374	15,410,427
Total Equity		<u>18,798,374</u>	<u>15,410,427</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Operating grants receipts		12,480,552	10,426,566
Payments to suppliers and employees		(9,726,843)	(7,838,646)
Interest received		165,897	855
Other income		636,438	155,211
Net cash provided by operating activities	15a	<u>3,556,044</u>	<u>2,743,986</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Purchase of property, plant & equipment		(266,188)	(474,722)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		-	52,479
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(266,188)</u>	<u>(422,243)</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities			
Proceeds of borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash held		<u>3,289,856</u>	<u>2,321,743</u>
Cash at beginning of year		13,689,863	11,368,120
Cash at end of year	15b	<u>16,979,719</u>	<u>13,689,863</u>

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