

It's Not Only Breast Cancer We Should be Detecting

BSA Conference 2024 – Canberra Australia

*A conversation about
Domestic and Family
Violence*

with Angela Belluomo

Acknowledgement of Country

I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Ngunnawal people.

I acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

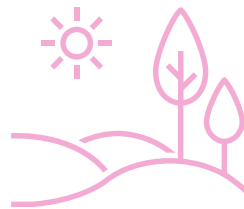
I would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today's session.



Acknowledgement of Lived Experiences of Family and Domestic Violence

I would also like to acknowledge the many who have experienced domestic and family violence and thank them for sharing their stories.

Without their courage to share their stories, speaking with you today would not have been possible.



Learning Outcomes

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- ♥ Appreciate **why** BreastScreen Australia needs to start the conversation about domestic and family violence (DFV)
- ♥ Understand **when** a conversation about DFV might be appropriate to engage in
- ♥ Learn **what** can be done by you to increase your knowledge and understanding of DFV
- ♥ Name **who** is best to support your clients and/or staff
- ♥ Discover **how** this knowledge could change a client's and/or staff member's life
- ♥ Identify **where** to find the experts in your community

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Why... do we need to start a conversation within BreastScreen Australia (BSA) about Domestic and Family Violence (DFV)?



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***During 2020 – 2021 in Australia...**

*** 1 woman was
killed every 15
days**

*** 1 man was
killed every
28 days**

by an intimate partner on average in 2020–21

Domestic homicide victims made up over one-third (35% or 78) of all homicide victims (220 victims) in 2020–21 in the National Homicide Monitoring Program (NHMP) (AIC 2023).

- ****64 women killed by violence in 2023 (> than 1/week on average) in Australia**

**<https://www.aihw.gov.au/family-domestic-and-sexual-violence/responses-and-outcomes/domestic-homicide#changed-over-time> - Last updated 15 Feb 2024*

***Counting Dead Women Australia – Researchers for Destroy The Joint - Last updated 12 Mar 2024*

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Why...do we need to start a conversation within BSA about DFV?

To date in 2024...

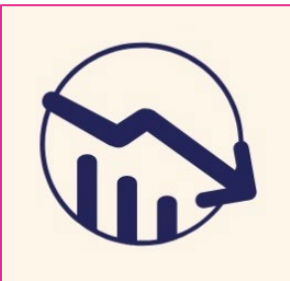
- It is week #11
- ****15 known femicides due to violence**
- ****75% of cases 2012 – 2023 – victim knew her alleged killer**
- ****All femicides are a result of societal misogyny**

SHE IS
~~SOMEONE'S~~
~~DAUGHTER/~~
~~SISTER/~~
~~WIFE/~~
~~MOTHER~~

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Why...do we need to start a conversation within BSA about DFV?

- Because as a society we are moving in the 'right' direction at improving the outcomes for those experiencing DFV
- *In the past 20 years → intimate partner homicide rate has decreased from 0.7 to 0.2 per 100,000
- BUT there is still so much more that can be done
- BSA → uniquely placed to make a difference by being a part of this continuum



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When... is a conversation about DFV appropriate to engage in?

- Start the conversation about DFV when equipped to hear and appropriately respond to their lived experiences
- Nationwide Training Programs are available now and will enable you to do just that
- BSA has the unique opportunity to aim where it needs to be regarding supporting their client cohort and staff
- The statistics dictate → A commitment to developing a BreastScreen Australia Domestic and Family Violence Training Policy is crucially needed and overdue

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What... can be done by you now to increase your knowledge and understanding of DFV?



- Educate yourself and be *empowered to act**
- Learn how to Recognise – Respond – Refer to DFV by attending one of the free, nationally recognised training options offered by the DV-Alert Program

▪ www.dvalert.org.au



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

*<https://www.dvalert.org.au>

<https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/safety-programs>

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What...is the DV-alert Program?

- *With free access and flexibility, the DV-alert program offers workshops and courses to frontline workers (paid and unpaid) who provide direct service and support to the community in sectors like health, allied health, education, childcare and the community
- *Empowers frontline workers to Recognise, Respond and Refer people experiencing, or at risk of, domestic and family violence
- *Open to all frontline workers in Australia

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What...is the cost of DV-alert training?



- *DV-alert training is a free training program funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services
- *Financial support is also offered for staff backfill for attendance to a workshop
- *Help with travel reimbursement is available in some cases

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What...are the eligibility requirements to attend DV-alert training?



- *DV-alert training is free for frontline workers who meet the following criteria:
 - ✓ You work, volunteer or are on student placement in health, allied health, education, childcare and/or community sector
 - ✓ You have a Unique Student Identifier
 - ✓ You live in Australia
 - ✓ Have Australian or New Zealand citizenship, permanent residency or hold a visa with no study limitations

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What...type of DV-alert workshops and courses are available?



> Foundations workshops

2-Day Foundations

First Nations Foundations

> eLearning

eLearning Foundations

eLearning General

eLearning Disabilities

> 1-Day focused workshops

Engaging with Interpreters

First Nations

Gendered Violence in Diverse Communities

Multicultural

Men who use Violence

Women with Disability

> Public awareness workshops

2-Hour DV-aware

1-Day DV-aware

Brothers Standing Tall

> Assessment Pathway

- To register: www.dvalert.org.au

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What...is the Assessment Pathway for DV-alert Training?

- *The Accreditation Pathway is made of three components, which can be completed in any order, plus assessment:
 - ✓ DV-alert 2-Day Foundations or First Nations Workshop
 - ✓ DV-alert eLearning Foundations
 - ✓ DV-alert 1-day focused workshops

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What...Nationally Recognised Certification do you receive?

- *Successful completion of the assessments will achieve a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment for the unit of competency CHCDFV001 Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
- *All workshop and online course learners will receive a certificate of completion for each workshop that is attended in full

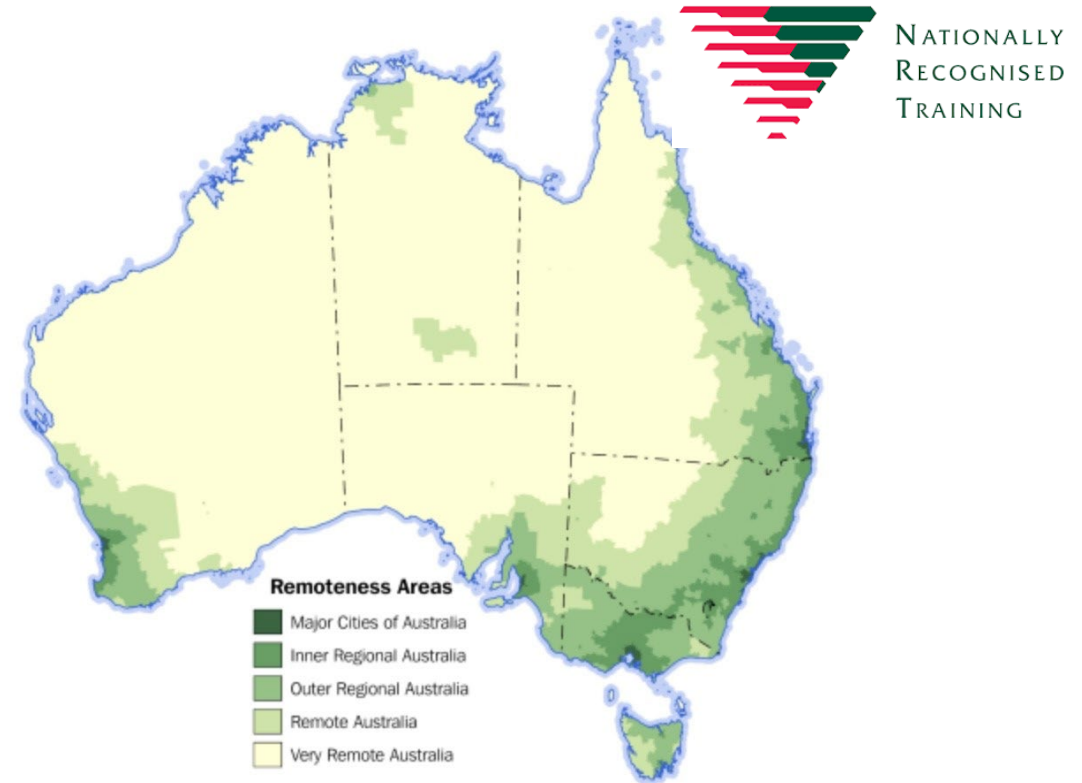
Virtual workshops

- *Whilst DV-alert and DV-aware workshops are predominantly delivered as face-to-face workshops, virtual delivery via Zoom is an option for some workshops

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What...about Training in Rural and Remote Areas (RA3 – RA5)?

- *In recognition of the disadvantage rural and remote learners have in terms of accessibility of internet, resources and on the ground support, the DV-alert Program offers the 2-Day First Nations Program as an accredited workshop
- *Successful completion of the assessment within the 2-day First Nations workshop → Statement of Attainment



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Who... is best to appropriately support you, your clients and/or your staff when you've had a conversation about DFV?



Internal

Your newly trained 'in-house' DV-alert staff member/s (*future paradigm*)



External

Local Community and National Services (*current paradigm*)

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How... will being trained in DFV make a positive impact within our BSA community?

One conversation at a time



- *You can be part of the solution to end violence against women and address gender inequality in the workplace

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Where...do you find DFV subject-matter experts?

- Remember, you do not need to be an expert but you need to know who the experts are
- Educate yourself, then Refer to the DFV subject-matter experts available
- Be mindful to have robust self-compassion and self-care practices for yourself too

External Support

compass an EAAA project
GUIDING ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE

1800RESPECT
NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Call 1800 737 732 24/7 SMS 0458 737 732 24/7 Text 0458 737 732 24/7 Online Chat 24/7 Video Call Monday to Friday 9am-5pm AEST

Full Stop Australia

White Ribbon Australia

EAAA
Elder Abuse Action Australia

(SAY IT OUT LOUD)

Australian Childhood Foundation

Daisy
connecting women

with RESPECT
1800 LGBTIQ (1800 542 847)

Lifeline

Call 13 11 14
24/7 Crisis Support

Chat with us
Available 24/7

Text us
Available 24/7



FAMILY VIOLENCE LAW HELP

Black Rainbow

National Legal Aid

SUNNY
An app for women with disability to learn about violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia

EveryMan

kidshelpline
Anytime | Any Reason
1800 55 1800 | CALL | EMAIL | WECHAT

pwda PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA

Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.
Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.

Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA)

Legal Yarn
Staffed by mops for mops
1800 319 803

raisingchildren.net.au
the australian parenting website

MensLine Australia

No to Violence
Leading the change to end male family violence in Australia

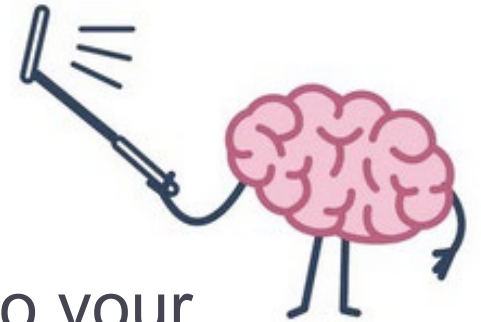
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Reflection...

What has changed for **you** today, now that you've attended this session?

Call to Action...

What are **you** going to do differently when you return to your workplace?



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**Please continue the conversation with others about
Domestic and Family Violence training and
what *you* are going to do differently after today's session.**

Let's keep this conversation going within BreastScreen Australia and beyond.

It's up to you now.

