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NAPCAN Play Your Part Awards Northern Territory

To: Georgina Bracken and Fiona Hamilton - Tennant Creek Women's Refuge

For: No More Now!

Name of project: No More Now! Domestic Violence Community Education Program

Organisation: Tennant Creek Women's Refuge

State: NT

Location: Barkly Region, NT

No More Now! is an educational program open to women in the Barkly Region of the Northern Territory. Tennant Creek Women's Refuge provides services to all women and children who are victims of, or in fear of domestic or family violence. The program was devised by Tennant Creek Women's Refuge as there was a need to get people talking about domestic violence, and needed to give people education around the issues and real tools for change.

The program is unique in its focus on the delivery of Family Violence Education activities to the general community, rather than to focus particularly on "professionals and service providers". This approach saw the program develop a flexibility that gave it extensive reach into almost every area of the community, including Barkly Schools, the core Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities in the Barkly, remote communities, individuals and groups, children and adults, people from CALD backgrounds, people with disabilities, and older people. Community services professionals were encouraged to attend the same activities as community members. The program was noted by many other services in the Barkly, including by the Council of Elders and Respected Persons, to have started a dialogue around Family Violence that had not been possible previously.

The objective of the program is to provide domestic violence education throughout the region, through ongoing education and awareness training to community groups, individuals and organisations.

The program has seen a positive increase in children's well being and awareness with evaluation surveys reporting an increase in knowledge around family violence and child safety issues for participants post activities. There was also a marked increase in knowledge of local services and where to get help.

NAPCAN is awarding 2013 Play Your Part Awards NT to Tennant Creek Womens Refuge for developing a locally relevant program that the community has recognised as being valuable and useful.

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