

*"I want to tell people that family violence happens to anybody, no matter how nice your house is, no matter how intelligent you are."*

**Rosie Batty**

*"A house where a woman is unsafe, is not a home"*

*"You don't have to live with violence. You have a right to feel safe"*

*"Choose to stay and send the violence away"*



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the beautiful Bundjalung Nation



**Family & Community Services**

Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) is funded by Family and Community Services NSW

## GETTING HELP OUT OF HOURS

Anyone in immediate danger should call 000 or 112 from a mobile.

### For information and support call...

- NSW Domestic Violence Line on 1800 65 64 63 or
- 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732

### For crisis accommodation information and referral call...

- Link2Home on 1800 152 152

Men having problems with violent behaviour can call... Men's Referral Service on 1300 766 491

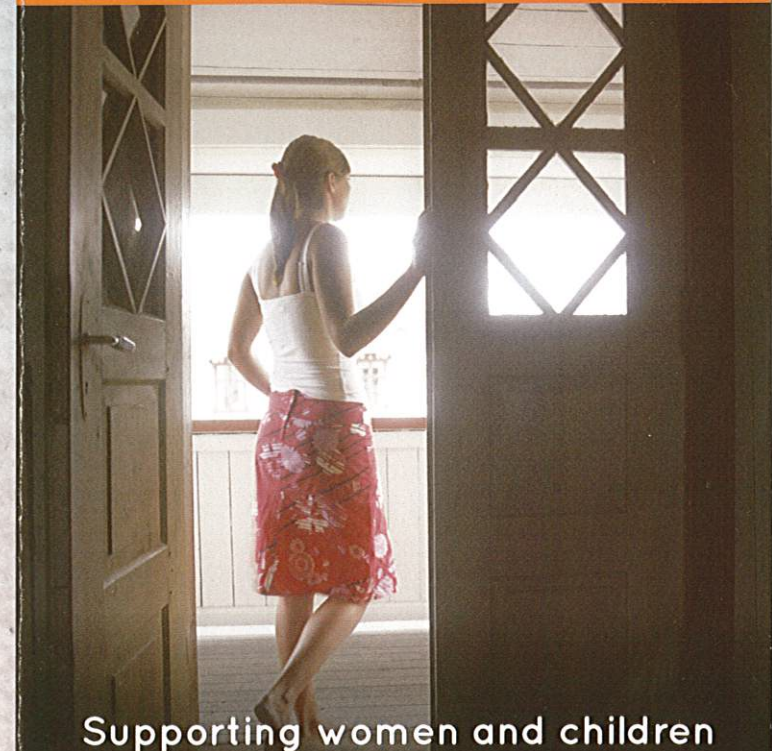
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**Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre**  
*Connecting the Byron Shire Community*

# STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE



**Supporting women and children to stay at home safely and make the domestic violence leave.**

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## Do you need help?

- Are you in, or have been in a violent relationship?
- Would you like to stay in your home and have the violent offender leave?
- Will you be and feel safer if you do stay in your own home?
- Do you have children who would be better off remaining in their own home and at their current school or pre-school?
- Do you need support to be safe and secure from the offender?

## How can we assist?

Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) is a specialised domestic and family violence program aimed at promoting the housing stability of women and children by enabling them to remain safely in their home and to leave the violence behind. SHLV works with the police and courts to remove the violent family member so that if she chooses, she and the children can stay in the home.

Women receive support services ranging from practical assistance such as installing security measures in their homes and help with financial, legal and personal problems.

We provide support to enable women to remain separated from a violent partner, to have stable accommodation, to maintain support networks and to maintain security and connection with education, employment and childcare.

SHLV helps women in Northern NSW who are escaping domestic violence by providing intensive case management which is long-term, needs-based and integrated with key agencies.



## We provide:

- Information and support to empower women to keep themselves and their family safe.
- Assistance to obtain court orders to remove your partner from the home.
- Safety assessment and audits of your home
- Installation of safety upgrades including alarms, CCTV or SOS Duress alarms
- Safety planning
- Referral to services and support to develop a plan for the future
- case management and case coordination of multiple services

## Who can we assist?

Staying Home Leaving Violence provides assistance to women and their children in the Northern NSW region from Grafton to Tweed Heads who:

- have separated from a violent partner or have a strong desire to
- choose to remain in their own home or relocate to a safer home if necessary
- experience ongoing abuse after separation from the abusive person.

This is intended to include women who have previously left the family home in order to escape violence, but find themselves at risk of homelessness due to ongoing abuse by the abusive partner.

## Our approach:

Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) places women and their family at the centre, coordinating a range of supports through close collaboration with other services.

We acknowledge people for their strength and uniqueness and treat people with dignity and respect. We support you on your journey of reclaiming a healthy life free from abuse.

