

Western Health Men's Family Violence Team and the Orange Door WMA and BMA

Program Overview and QNA

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Acknowledgment of Country

Western Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our sites stand, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Boon Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the greater Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We are committed to healing of country, working towards equity in health outcomes, and the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Western health is committed to respectfully listening and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and wholeheartedly supports their journey to self-determination.



Overview

Western Health's Integrated Community Health Program delivers a number of important programs to support women, men and children who have been affected by family violence in the western metropolitan region:

- the Men's Family Violence Team
- Orange Door Brimbank Melton and Western Melbourne networks - men's perpetrator intake

The Men's Family Violence Team primarily delivers men's FV interventions, including men's behavior change programs, case management, and family violence brokerage - but also some supports and advocacy for affected family members.

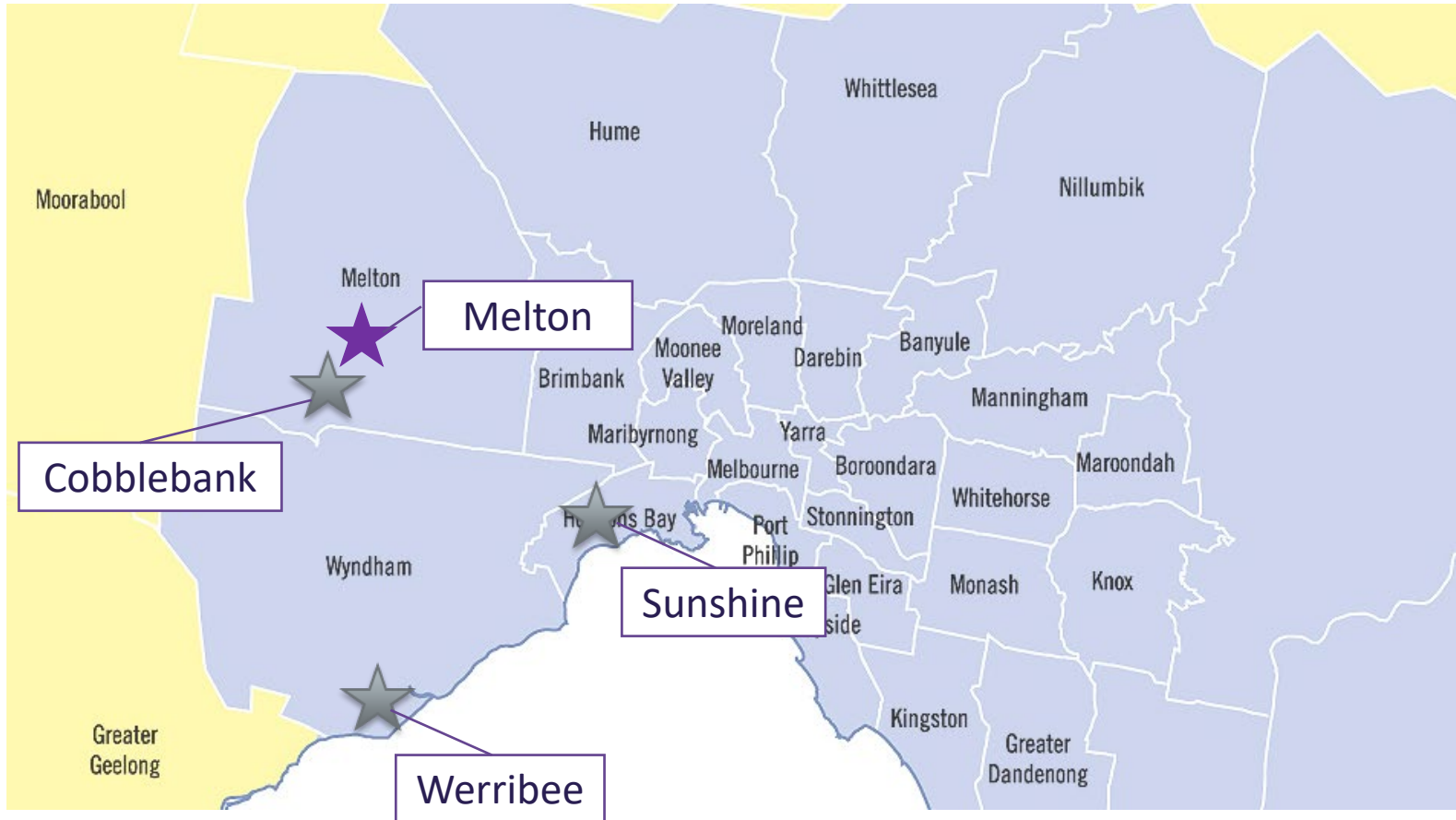
The role of Western Health in the Orange Door networks is to provide men's (people who use violence) intake, risk assessment and triage. This facilitates access to other family violence services and supports through referral.



Locations

★ Men's FV Team

★ TOD Site



Our Clients and Community

- Approximately one quarter of women over the age of 15 have experienced intimate partner violence
- Over three quarters of perpetrators are men
- Wyndham and Melton LGAs have the fourth and sixth highest numbers of FV incidents in the state respectively
- An average 177 L17 (police FV incident reports) are triaged across the two Orange Door networks per week
- 3 groups currently being run in Melton, maximum of 14 participants in each
- A number of Case Management and FSA clients





Contact the Orange Door if:

- you need help with parenting, or you are worried about the wellbeing or development of a child or young person
- someone close to you is making you feel afraid or unsafe such as your partner, ex-partner, family member or carer
- you are a child or young person who doesn't feel safe or cared for
- you are at risk of using abusive or controlling behaviour or you need help with these behaviours at home or in a relationship
- you are worried about the safety of someone you know
- you have experienced family violence, including controlling behaviour like someone monitoring where you go, who you visit or how you spend money.





The Orange Door will:

- listen to you and hear what your worries are
- work with you to identify the help and support you need
- support you with the wellbeing and development of children and young people
- help you make a safety plan to keep you and your children safe
- connect you to services that can help, such as counselling, accommodation, family violence support, mental health and drug and alcohol services, parenting support groups, services for children, financial help, or legal assistance
- support you to access funding for basic living expenses and other costs
- connect you with services if you want help to change your violent or controlling behaviour



Men's FV Team

- Intake and Assessment
- Group Readiness Program
- Men's Behaviour Change Program
- Case Management
- Family Safety Advocacy



Family Safety Advocacy

- Risk Assessment and Management
- 1 on 1 Support
- Service Referrals
- Counselling/Psychoeducation
- Collaboration with Men's Workers



Intake and Assessment

- Phone intake
- F2F Assessment –According to Best Practice MARAM guidance



Case Management

- 1 on 1 Support
- Service Referrals
- Counselling/Psychoeducation
- Group Readiness
- Risk Management
- Offered at any point and standalone
- Brokerage



Men's Behaviour Change Program

- 1 Group readiness session
- 20 Week group program
- 3 Groups
- 14 Max participants
- Closed and rolling groups
- Content and facilitation: QNA



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identifying Participants

- Western Health programs and staff are culturally sensitive
- However, our MBCP programs are not specifically designed for this client group
- Programs specific for Aboriginal and Torres Strait are available via:
 - Dardi Munwurro - 1800 435 799
 - VACSAL - (03) 94164266
- Options are discussed with participants



What we are proud of

- Responsive to local need in Western Melbourne and particularly the Brimbank Melton area
- Keeping victim survivors safe
- Keeping PUVs accountable
- Transition to more Rolling Groups – more ability to respond to risk in the community, increase numbers of participants
- Introduction of Group Readiness Program
- Increased productivity - we are delivering more MBCPs than in recent years, and will hopefully be offering 4 MBCPs a week in the near future.



Client Feedback

MBCP feedback

“The course is a godsend“

“If i hadn’t undertaken this course I would be a single miserable man”

“The course allow me to see things through a different lens.”

“I am now much calmer and I am able to walk away rather than be aggressive with partner and family”

“I know of 6 or 7 friends who would benefit, I wouldn’t change anything about the course.”

Family Safety Advocacy feedback

“the first 5 years of my marriage were hell, I am so happy my partner did the program, my relationship has done a complete 180 degree turn since then”

“I am gobsmacked at the change in my partner”

“My Family Safety Contact Practitioner is amazing, she is fantastic.”

“I am very comfortable around her [my Family Safety Contact Practitioner], she is very wise.”



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Services offered:

Adults, children and young people's family violence services

Child and family services

Aboriginal services

Services for people who use violence

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Questions?

