



## **One Death is Too Many!**

*On Friday, 17 November the WCDFVS (WA) invites all community members to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial march. The event continues to be held each year to remember and honour all those who have lost their lives to domestic homicide. Domestic and Family Violence does not discriminate because of age, ethnicity or geographical area."*

This year **12 people** - aged from *four months to 89 years* - have been killed by so-called loved ones.. Whilst there will be less roses to lay in memory of women, men and children who have been killed this year, **we cannot be complacent about this serious issue!**

Women's Council Chief Executive Officer Angela Hartwig said,

*"One death is one too many, so the killing of 12 Western Australians, at the hands of loved ones, is alarming."*

*"This year, among the people killed were two babies aged *four-month and six month old babies and two seniors aged 80 and 89 years.*"*

*"In the last four years there have been *61 domestic homicides in WA*. Many of these killings involved ongoing violence from a partner or an ex-partner who was known to authorities.*

Ms Hartwig said for every one killing, the lives of hundreds and sometimes thousands were impacted forever.

*"When a family member is killed, not only does the immediate family become traumatised, entire communities are affected," Ms Hartwig said. No one in Australia should think they are immune to the devastation of family violence. We all have a role to play in making our systems safer and reducing the high levels of violence against within our community."*

### **Media spokesperson:**

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**Facts about the event:**

Date: Friday, 17 November, 2016

Place: **Supreme Court Gardens (cnr Barrack & Riverside Dr)**

10.30am Free Morning Tea and Information Stalls

11.00am Rally with Speakers

12:00noon Silent march through the streets CBD.

For further information about the event please contact Carolyn on 9420 7264

**Facts about domestic and family violence**

- Every week at least one woman is killed in Australia because of domestic and family violence.
- WA Police attended 59,408 Domestic Violence incidents in 2015-16. This is 147 DV incidents per day, and children were present around 40% of the time.
- One in four children and one in two Aboriginal children are exposed to FDV in their childhood.
- A women is at higher risk of being killed when she leaves her abusive partner.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women are 45 times more likely to experience family violence than their non-Aboriginal counterpart.
- 70 per cent of people seeking assistance, from specialist homelessness services cited domestic violence as the reason.
- One in four women have experienced at least once incident of violence since the age of 15.