



Women and Children's
Support Network

Impact Review 2025



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands where we live, work and gather. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge that sovereignty of these lands was never ceded. We acknowledge the strength, pride, advocacy and endurance of First Peoples.

This always was and always will be First Peoples land.

Our strategic direction

Our purpose

We provide support to people who have experienced family violence toward safety, autonomy and healing and to rebuild their lives.

Our vision

Emerge Women and Children's Support Network drives innovative practice that disrupts the cycles of family violence.

Our goals

GOAL 1

Driving a sustainable organisation that is positioned to grow and impact change.

GOAL 2

Supporting our staff and retaining a highly skilled workforce to achieve the best outcomes for our clients.

GOAL 3

Continuing to ensure best-practice, holistic, comprehensive and tailored support for our clients.

GOAL 4

Working as leaders to advocate, influence and drive system change for victim-survivors.

Our values

Collaboration • Respect • Courage • Creativity • Inclusivity • Impact • Kindness

From the chair and CEO

The year 2025 has been a significant one for Emerge. We have prioritised transforming our services to drive best practice and deliver on our strategic vision of breaking the cycles of violence.

Over the past year, we have renovated our refuge and head office with thanks to our valued partners at Homes Victoria and generous support of Multiplex. We also launched a sector-first early intervention model for children demonstrating challenging and aggressive behaviours as a result of family violence, supported by our philanthropic donors The Kelly Family Foundation. We delivered a place-based legal support program in partnership with Peninsula Community Legal Centre.

Through our commitment to innovation and the strength of our partnerships, we have been privileged to witness more measurable, meaningful and enduring journeys of recovery for our clients across our service delivery model. Emerge is now operating at full capacity and working alongside more clients than ever before.

We have driven a human rights-based approach to service delivery, including the commencement of a harm-minimisation model across our services in a strong move away from zero-tolerance to ensure the dignity, health and autonomy of our clients.

We have also committed to deepening our understanding of our impact and the long-term recovery journey of our clients through organisation-wide outcomes monitoring. Emerge continues to demonstrate its commitment to continuous improvement and building an evidence base to ensure that our practice is safe, effective and trauma-informed.

We've partnered in critical research to inform innovation and improve practice. These include understanding effective practice in refuge settings in partnership with La Trobe University and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of our flagship early intervention program, Back on Track, in collaboration with the RMIT Centre for Innovative Justice. Our research partnerships ensure that we can understand what works well, learn from what doesn't, and support our colleagues across the sector in reform toward long-term recovery.

We've contributed to sector reform through numerous State and Federal working and policy groups, submissions and consultation with stakeholders including the Productivity Commission, the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the South Australian Royal Commission, and Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety. Our continued commitment to advocacy, reflection and curiosity is a crucial part of our organisation's practice – this year, we have listened, learned and grown through collaboration across Australia.

None of this would be possible without the Emerge team. We are proud of our remarkable, skilled and multi-disciplinary workforce. They are deeply knowledgeable professionals who are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for our clients. We thank them for their commitment, their unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to excellence.

We are supported by a dedicated, engaged and expert Board of deeply knowledgeable and skilled women. They provide Emerge with its strategic rudder and guide the vision of our organisation. We are deeply grateful for their time, leadership and generosity, and we see the impact of their governance and guidance in our work every day.

We are also sustained by a growing network of funders, philanthropists, donors and supporters. They are visionaries who recognise that breaking the cycles of violence takes innovation, persistence and long-term investment. Their support and commitment, creating better futures for our clients, is invaluable and is creating measurable improvements in the safety, recovery, and wellbeing of our communities.

We are deeply privileged to walk alongside survivors of family violence every single day. These adults, young people and children are diverse and remarkable, each on a unique journey of recovery. We learn from them constantly and are honoured to walk alongside them as they navigate increasingly complex systems.

Survivors deserve safe and secure housing, access to income, education, employment, and a future that promotes their wellbeing and supports them to thrive in their community. We remain steadfast in advocating for a transformative system that ensures long term-recovery, breaks the cycle of intergenerational violence and upholds the fundamental human rights and dignity of every client.



Claire Murphy
Board Chair



Claire Marshall
Chief Executive Officer

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Our board



Claire Murphy – Board Chair

BPhysio (La Trobe University), MPhysio (Research) (University of Melbourne), GAICD

Claire is a skilled non-executive director and chair in purpose-driven organisations, including public health, education, peak bodies, community services and professional associations. She is a Board Director of the Timboon and District Healthcare Service and the Victorian Healthcare Association. She is an experienced committee member and has extensive experience in corporate and clinical governance, change management, strategic business development, and public health.



Eva Perez – Deputy Chair; Chair, People and Culture Committee

BA (Hons) (Victoria University of Wellington)

Eva has close to 30 years' experience working in the public sector in Australia and New Zealand, at both the state and national levels. As a consultant and a public servant, she has specialised in policy development, service reform and strategic direction, including in the area of responses to family violence and child abuse.



Shasta Holland – Director; Chair, Risk, Quality and Clinical Governance Committee

BA (Psychology), MA (Psychology) (University of Canterbury), PhD (Criminology) (University of Melbourne)

Shasta has more than 20 years of public policy experience and has held executive roles in the Victorian and Australian public service, in the justice and domestic, family and sexual violence portfolios. She previously led monitoring of government progress to implement recommendations from the 2016 Royal Commission into Family Violence and delivered policy and system reform in women's prison.



Lucie McKenna – Treasurer; Chair, Finance Committee

BComm (Deakin University), GradDip Chartered Accounting, Member (CAANZ), Accredited Family Business Australia Advisor, Cert Governance and Directorship (Governance Institute of Australia)

Lucie is a trusted family office advisor who works closely with families to define their goals, values, and long-term purpose. Drawing on deep experience in governance, strategy and wealth stewardship, Lucie helps clients align financial decision-making with what truly matters to them – creating clarity, continuity and impact across generations.



Jane Stuchberry – Director

BA Hons (University of Melbourne), MA Organisational Psychology (University of Melbourne), MAICD

Jane is an organisational psychologist who specialises in helping organisations strengthen their board and governance practices. She is a Director of Board Partners and an affiliate with the global consulting firm Mercer, where she leads the Board Effectiveness practice. Jane has a background in human resource consulting, leading talent management and people strategy at Andersen, EY and Mercer.



Avital Kamil – Director

LLM (Human Rights) (Monash University), LLB/BA (Monash University)

Avital has practised law for over a decade, specialising in family law and family violence. Her practical experience includes work in the private and community legal sectors, at Victoria Legal Aid and with Victoria Police. She has prepared and appeared in complex legal matters, delivered professional education sessions and mentored legal practitioners throughout Victoria. She consulted on the rollout of the Specialist Family Violence Courts.



Hillier Deniz – Director

BComm (University of Melbourne), Chartered Accountant (CAANZ)

Hillier is a Chartered Accountant, boasting a 30+ year track record in commerce, business services and audit. Hillier has worked across a broad range of industries including FMCG, industrials, manufacturing and retail and, more recently, financial services. Hillier's responsibilities have always extended beyond just the numbers. Corporate governance, risk management, regulatory compliance and reporting, people management and stakeholder engagement – both internal and external.



Beth Gant – Director

LLB, BA (Deakin University)

Beth is the founder and principal lawyer of a specialist estate planning practice. She brings over 20 years of legal experience spanning succession law, criminal law and business law. Throughout her career, Beth prosecuted serious indictable offences at the Office of Public Prosecutions, defended persons charged with criminal offending at a defence firm, and delivered trusted, high-level legal counsel to clients in private practice.



Corri McKenzie – Director (until October 2025)

Corri is Deputy CEO of Service Design and Improvement and a member of the leadership team at the NDIA. Corri previously led the Police, Fines and Crime Prevention group as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Justice and Community Safety. Prior to this, Corri held senior executive positions in social policy, service design and delivery. Before joining the public service, Corri was the General Manager of Community Services at Mission Australia.



Christina Murambi – Director (until October 2025)

BHumServ/MSW (La Trobe University), MC-HumRLaw (University of Melbourne)

Christina has over 10 years of experience in policy, advocacy and social work, and holds a Master's degree in Human Rights Law and Social Work. Christina is an experienced policy and advocacy manager with expertise in policy development, advocacy, project management, strategic planning, leadership and engagement. She has worked in family violence, mental health, youth services, victims of crime and policy advocacy.

Our impact

100% of
257

adults and children referred to Emerge

received crisis accommodation, transitional housing, outreach support, therapeutic services, or specialist case management since our refuge reopened in February.

We supported a diverse cohort of clients.

40.3% came from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

7% were not permanent residents of Australia

15.1% were people living with disability

19% were First Nations people

70% entered our service with no source of income

85

children and safe caregivers

accessed Back on Track and its extension program – Mini Messy Bots – for our youngest participants.

— **100%** of children completed the program and were connected to specialised ongoing therapeutic and case management support.

— **100%** re-engaged in school, supported by an individualised learning and behaviour plan.

— **100%** of parent participants reported a significant reduction – or complete cessation – of violent or aggressive behaviours, alongside noticeable increases in their child’s pro-social skills.

— **100%** of all participants reported increased social connection and reduced shame, attributed to the safe, shared experience of group-based therapeutic work.

Our year in progress

This year, we delivered a series of sector-leading initiatives that strengthened safety, recovery and long-term outcomes for women and children. Below are six key achievements that shaped our impact in 2025.

1

Renovation and reopening of our Head Office donated by Multiplex, creating safe and accessible therapeutic and office spaces for our team and our clients.

2

Renovation and reopening of our **10-unit core-and-cluster refuge** to ensure safe, flexible and accessible spaces for our clients.

3

Launch of our **Legal Health at Refuge Program**, a three-year partnership program delivering place-based legal support to refuge clients with our partners at Peninsula Community Legal Centre.

4

Development and implementation of our **organisation-wide harm minimisation model**, ensuring flexible holistic support for more clients.

5

Development of our **organisation-wide Outcomes Monitoring Framework** to build organisation-wide longitudinal data collection.

6

Building the research and evidence base for **best practice with research partnerships** with LaTrobe, ANROWS, RMIT, and RMIT Centre for Innovative Justice.

Work at our refuge

Following significant renovations in partnership with our friends and colleagues at DFFH and Homes Victoria, our core-and-cluster refuge has reopened and is now operating at full capacity.

We have been privileged to support clients from diverse backgrounds and have provided them with place-based support, accommodation, case management, therapeutic services and referrals to our community partners before supporting them in their transition to housing in the community.

This year, we have focused on ensuring our services respond to our client's needs, are evidence-based, and support long-term recovery.

This has included embedding legal support at refuge, an increase in therapeutic program delivery, work to continue to reform our service model to ensure it embeds a human rights-centred framework for service delivery, and starting the work to embed harm minimisation across our practice model. Critically, we continue to work with children as individual clients and survivors in their own right in a service delivery model that includes dedicated children's case managers.

Our clients are presenting with increasingly complex intersectional needs. We understand that we need to be constantly reflecting on our practice to support their long-term recovery. This model for continuous reflection and improvement has been embedded across our Outcomes Monitoring Framework, which will provide the organisation with clear, data-driven information on what underpins effective practice.

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We understand that every client journey is different, and that long-term recovery and breaking free of the cycles of violence relies on safe housing, health and wellbeing support, a source of income and connections in our community. Our talented, multi-disciplinary team has worked hard alongside our clients to support their journeys of recovery from crisis support at refuge to a safe, supported and sustainable recovery.



Client story

Restoring safety, autonomy and hope

Ms B, a young woman on a bridging visa, became a client of Emerge's refuge following severe family violence perpetrated by her husband. Having lived in Australia for only months with no family or independent support networks, Ms B faced multiple compounding barriers – precarious visa status, financial insecurity, social isolation and the psychological effects of trauma from being exposed to family violence.

Upon Ms B entering our refuge, Emerge implemented a comprehensive, trauma-informed, intersectional and feminist approach to ensure Ms B's immediate safety and long-term recovery. Recognising her vulnerability as a non-permanent resident without access to Medicare or income, Emerge provided essential material aid to meet her daily living needs. Our case managers collaborated with Victoria Police to facilitate the safe retrieval of her personal belongings, reducing risk and preserving her sense of dignity and agency.

In collaboration with the client, a holistic plan was developed to address Ms B's educational, legal, financial, and psychosocial and emotional wellbeing needs. Through Emerge's partnership legal program with Peninsula Community Legal Centre, she received legal advice regarding family violence intervention orders, separation and divorce processes, and migration matters related to her visa status. This integrated legal and support response provided both protection and clarity at a time of significant uncertainty.

Emerge's Therapeutic Team engaged Ms B in flexible and culturally sensitive counselling sessions. As she was ineligible for Medicare, Emerge advocated on her behalf to secure specialist health and psychological support. This engagement enabled Ms B to meet with a psychologist for the first time, addressing long-term mental health concerns and strengthening her capacity for recovery and healing.

Education and employment were identified as central to Ms B's empowerment and pathway to independence. With Emerge's support, she was able to complete her early childhood education placement near the refuge and subsequently secure employment within the childcare sector. These achievements supported her financial stability and prospects for residency while reinforcing her sense of purpose and agency.

Social isolation was mitigated through meaningful connection with other women within the refuge community. These peer relationships, grounded in shared experience and mutual validation, contributed significantly to Ms B's emotional wellbeing.

Ms B has since transitioned successfully into private rental accommodation, maintained regular employment, and continued her education. She is now working with Emerge in our outreach program to align with her long-term goals of financial sustainability, wellbeing, and community integration and preparing for service exit.

Ms B's journey demonstrates the transformative impact of Emerge's integrated trauma-informed service model. By embedding feminist and human rights principles across all aspects of practice, Emerge empowers clients to reclaim safety, rebuild autonomy, and restore hope for a secure and self-determined future.

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Our therapeutic programs

Our therapeutic services are a crucial part of Emerge's recovery model. The therapeutic team draws on evidence-based, client-centred practice across different modalities to ensure that clients are provided with supports to process their trauma and work toward recovery.

This year, we have provided a number of different services for our clients, including:

- **Mini Messy Bots**, an extension of our Back on Track program for early childhood clients and their parents, thanks to funding by our philanthropic partners at Maddocks. This program centres art and play, supporting secure attachment, co-regulation and healthy child-parent relationships in a dyadic, group-based setting.
- **Art space**, a group program for all clients to support healing and recovery through art and play. This program builds on the language of children to support healing from trauma in a relaxed, supportive environment run by therapeutic practitioners.
- **Ju-jitsu with Panda**, a movement-based regulation program to support kids to move their bodies and learn healthy boundaries.
- **Arts Therapy and Counselling – Women**, a therapeutic space to explore emotions, trauma, identity and strengths.
- **Art and play therapy**, child-led therapeutic creative using art, play, movement and storytelling to improve regulation, support positive behaviour and recovery.
- **Mother-Child dyad sessions**, strengthening relationships and repairing disrupted attachment through co-regulation and play.



Client story

Supporting healing and incorporating harm minimisation in practice

The client, a 49-year-old woman who entered refuge in March 2025, arrived with anxiety and concern about retelling her family violence story. Although hesitant, she shared that she felt safe in the refuge. She described herself as a visual learner who feels more comfortable when active. Therapy was offered as an invitation, alongside gentle, informal engagement to build trust.

With her consent, the therapist and case manager offered grounding and stabilisation. During this time, she disclosed substance use linked to emotional coping. She was met with empathy and without judgement, and together they explored referral options for Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) support, which she agreed to pursue.

Following this, the therapy team adapted to her needs by offering flexible drop-in, single-session support. She began attending these sessions and later reflected, 'You saw me at my worst, and I don't want to get like that again.' Gentle check-ins continued to build rapport and safety. By July, she was attending individual sessions and shared that past negative experiences had held her back early on. As trust grew, she reconnected with her adult children and described feeling 'lighter, less confused and optimistic.'

Therapeutic themes included emotional regulation, people-pleasing patterns, relationship reflections, coping strategies, and grounding practices, including walking sessions. She completed an AOD assessment, was linked to her GP for further health support, and now receives specialist counselling. The team's work and the client's recovery highlights the importance of meeting each woman where she is, recognising that healing is not always linear, and offering adaptive, client-led therapeutic approaches that honour safety, trust and readiness.

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Back on Track

A cycle-breaking early intervention program

Back on Track is Emerge’s early intervention program focused on children aged 5–12 who are using challenging and aggressive behaviours at home and at school after experiencing family violence.

In 2025, Emerge launched Back on Track for its pilot year thanks to the generous philanthropic support of our partners at The Kelly Family Foundation.

The program fills a critical gap within the specialist family violence system. More children every year are presenting with trauma-related behaviours following their experiences of family violence, and the system lacks program models that respond during primary school when trauma behaviours begin to escalate. Most system interventions are for older teenagers, and focus on after a child has had contact with the justice system.

‘No one would help us. Everyone saw my son as the problem. I was scared he’d end up in jail like his dad.’

—Parent participant, Back on Track

The program is delivered in an evidence-based therapeutic model, using group therapy, psychoeducation, art and play, and dyadic work with the safe caregiver and their child to repair attachment, improve regulation and resilience, and repair relationships. Critically, the program also provides support to the classroom teacher to improve classroom responses and get children back to primary school.

Program participants all have histories of experiences of violence, most perpetrated by their father. Safe caregivers reported having nowhere to seek help in the current system, and most reported that contact with police had commenced for their child.

Back on Track delivers evidence-based therapeutic support for primary school age children and their safe parent who have witnessed and experienced



family violence where the child is starting to use challenging and unsafe behaviours at home and at school because of their trauma. It responds to a critical gap in the current family violence system to deliver a trauma-informed program for primary age children that focuses on the child demonstrating challenging and dysregulated behaviours.

The Back on Track team have walked alongside families in their journey of recovery and delivered exceptional outcomes. Thanks to the program’s innovative, trauma-informed design and the commitment and specialist knowledge of the team, we have been privileged to work with extraordinary families and kids to support their long-term recovery and break the cycles of family violence.

Trauma-informed Brazilian ju-jitsu

Helping kids heal through regulation and movement

As part of our Back on Track program, Jerome, a black belt in Brazilian ju-jitsu, or ‘Panda’ as the kids know him, guides children impacted by violence through a safe and supported martial arts program.

For many children in the specialist family violence system, accessing a sport or after-school activity is difficult because of homelessness, insecure housing and the logistical and trauma-related challenges of crisis recovery. Evidence shows that young children and particularly little boys need safe environments for physical play to develop their social skills, learn healthy boundaries, and manage their emotions.

In Panda’s ju-jitsu classes, the children learn the art of the sport, practice regulation through moving their bodies, and earned their first ‘stripes’. While the kids are doing martial arts, their safe caregivers receive therapeutic support – and Mum gets back a regulated kid that has safely moved their body and developed their skills after their session.



Before the program

All participants using violence at home, and many at school

High proportions of children excluded from kindergarten and school due to their behaviours

All participants reported unsafe home environments for the whole family

All parents reported low confidence in parenting and high levels of shame and trauma

After the program

All children demonstrated significant decrease or complete cessation of using challenging and aggressive behaviours

100% of children re-engaged with kindergarten and primary school

All parents reported significant increases to the safety of the family home

All parents reported significant increases in ability to respond to behaviours, co-regulate and attune with the child

Jade's story

Jade is an observant and quiet 2-year-old who lives with her mum and two older siblings, Anna (10) and Billy (5). Jade has witnessed family violence since birth and now sees Billy's challenging and aggressive behaviours daily.

Billy engaged in the Back on Track program to support positive, safe behavioural change. While Billy received support, our clinicians recognised that Jade had learned not to react to Billy or her father's violent behaviour even when she was hurt, showing how normalised violence had become in her world. Jade was in a vulnerable environment due to the ongoing impact of Billy's trauma and required support through the early childhood stream of our Back on Track Program.



In a safe, evidence-based playgroup designed to help young children connect safely with their carer and repair trauma, Jade was able to engage in simple, hands-on activities such as painting, water play, and playdough in a therapeutic environment with her mum.

Painting together, laughing and maintaining eye contact helped Jade to experience her mother as a source of calm and safety. Through the Mini Messy Bots program Jade and her mum had a chance to rebuild connection, restore safety, and rebuild attachment after intergenerational experiences of violence and trauma.

Freddie's story

Freddie and Heather became clients of Emerge after Freddie started using violence because of his trauma and experiences of intergenerational violence, resulting in Heather being concussed and bruised on multiple occasions. Freddie's father had used multiple forms of violence toward the family. Freddie's trauma meant that he was refusing school, experienced high anxiety and distress, and was using aggressive and challenging behaviours against his mum and his peers.

In the Back on Track program, Freddie engaged in ju-jitsu and the Kids Group, focusing on prosocial skill development. In this safe and consistent group environment, Freddie was able to increase his flexibility and social engagement, forming close relationships with other children and being invited on playdates. This was a new experience for Freddie after many fractured friendships and experiences of bullying at school.

Heather joined the parenting program and parent support sessions and through evidence-based therapeutic support was able to understand and respond to Freddie's behaviour, and communicate with him in a way that was safe and age appropriate. This created a new, safe dynamic in the family, allowing Freddie to experience regulation and secure attachment and giving Heather confidence again in her parenting skills.

Alongside therapeutic intervention, the family was supported to engage with specialist agencies and supports including legal advice, paediatric consultants, medical reviews, continence clinic, social work support and school advice.

After completing the program, Freddie was no longer labelled the 'naughty' child – he was seen by his family, friends, and school as a young boy who needed kindness, understanding and trauma-informed support. Freddie and his family have reported that home is now a safe place, and that Freddie has grown into a regulated, joyful and curious little boy.

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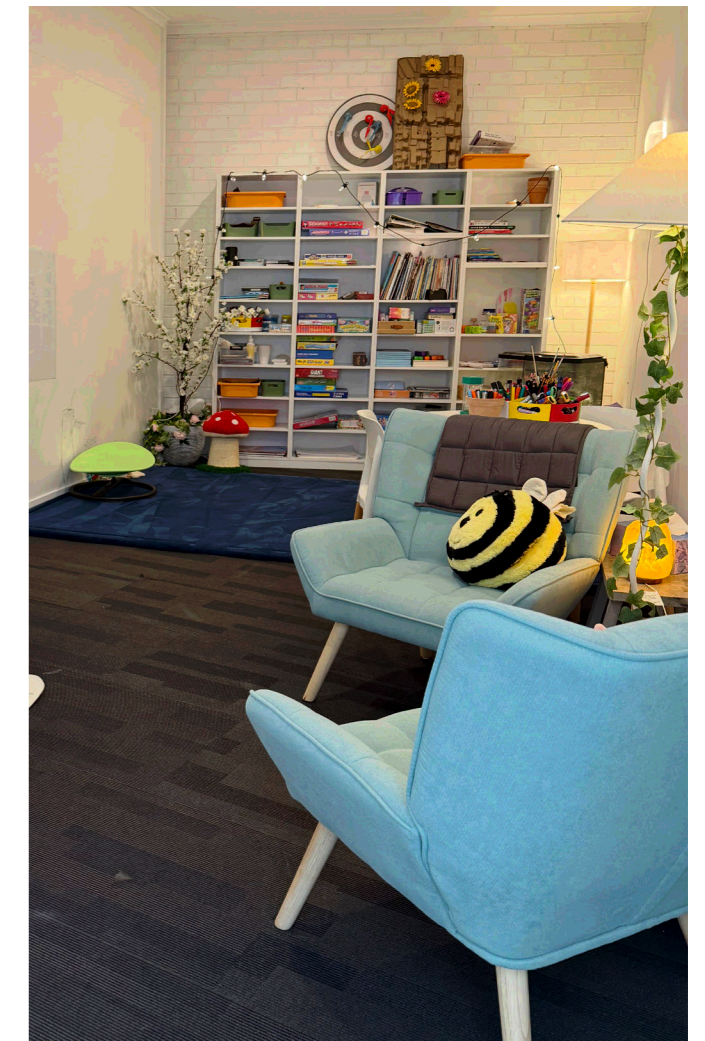
Making our spaces more safe and accessible

Renovations at head office and refuge

This year we undertook significant renovations at both our head office and our refuge.

Renovations at refuge were undertaken with the support of our partners at Homes Vic and DFFH. Thanks to their support, we now have 10 units at refuge that can safely and comfortably house survivors. The improvements include renovations to increase the safety of units, better facilities including laundries in all units, and a shade sail for the children's playground so kids can play safely outdoors.

The renovations at our head office were completed in 2025 with the generous support of Multiplex's pro-bono Graduate Program, who provided funding, design and project management support to make our head office and therapeutic spaces safer, more accessible, and ensure that we can deliver our critical therapeutic services for adults, young people and children recovering from family violence.



Integrating legal health into the refuge response

A program in partnership ensuring access to justice

Last year, our data revealed that the average woman coming through our refuge had 4.2 concurrent legal issues across a wide range of areas including Victims of Crime processes, intervention orders, VCAT, fines, Family Court and tenancy issues.

The significant stress of navigating the legal system impacted their recovery, and delays in connecting them into the right legal service resulted in poor legal outcomes.

In 2025, we commenced a three-year partnership with Peninsula Community Legal Centre to deliver place-based legal support at refuge, funded by our longtime supporters at Kingston Council.

The deeply skilled and compassionate duty lawyers at Peninsula Community Legal Centre deliver a legal health program for all clients coming through refuge, helping them to understand their legal issues, providing services as clients of the centre or connecting them into other legal supports, and ensuring that all survivors have the right legal information to understand their options.

Our clients report that having place-based and confidential legal support from expert practitioners has improved their recovery and ensured they're getting the right advice to make decisions that are right for them and their families.

We are deeply grateful for the support of Peninsula Community Legal Centre and Kingston Council, and were delighted when the team at Southside Justice were funded for the same place-based legal support model in partnership with a refuge in their location. The program is an effective, simple and innovative intervention to ensure that all survivors have access to justice.



Client story

Legal Health Check

A client at refuge accessed the Legal Health Check program seeking advice on how to navigate complex family law arrangements relating to her four children. On arriving at refuge, the client didn't have a Family Violence Intervention Order (FVIO) in place, and the client's existing parenting orders raised concerns about the children's safety. The client was unsure of her rights and confused by pathways to ensure the safety of her family.

With PCLC's expert legal support, the client made a police report and received protection via an FVIO. PCLC also provided guidance on navigating the family law system and a supported referral to another legal service to access processes to vary parenting orders via the Family Court.

Accessing legal support at refuge ensured that our client received timely, accessible legal support onsite, rapid and appropriate referrals to legal services and the right information and advice to ensure the safety of the client and her children.

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Our partners, supporters and volunteers

Partnerships

- The Kelly Family Foundation
- Kingston Council
- LaTrobe University
- RMIT Centre for Innovative Justice
- Peninsula Community Legal Centre
- Regenerate
- Bayside Emergency Community Relief
- Marco Polo Property
- Multiplex
- Maddocks Law Firm
- Moore Australia
- Homes Victoria
- Safe Steps
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Supporters

- Little Company of Mary
- FK Australia
- Yarra Trams
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- Youth 2 Industry College
- Rotary Club – Moorabbin/Bentleigh
- Rotary Club – Moorabbin Central
- Rotary Club – Mentone/Mordialloc
- Pymble Ladies College
- Harry Cohney Charitable Foundation
- Waverly Woodworkers
- Uniting Church – Mentone/Charman Road
- Alannah and Madeline Foundation
- John Carter, Assisted Accommodation Consultants
- Bunnings Moorabbin
- Rize Up
- Friends with Dignity
- Nappy Collective
- Thread Together
- Next Steps
- Share the Dignity
- DV Collective
- Good 360
- Country Women's Association – Dingley

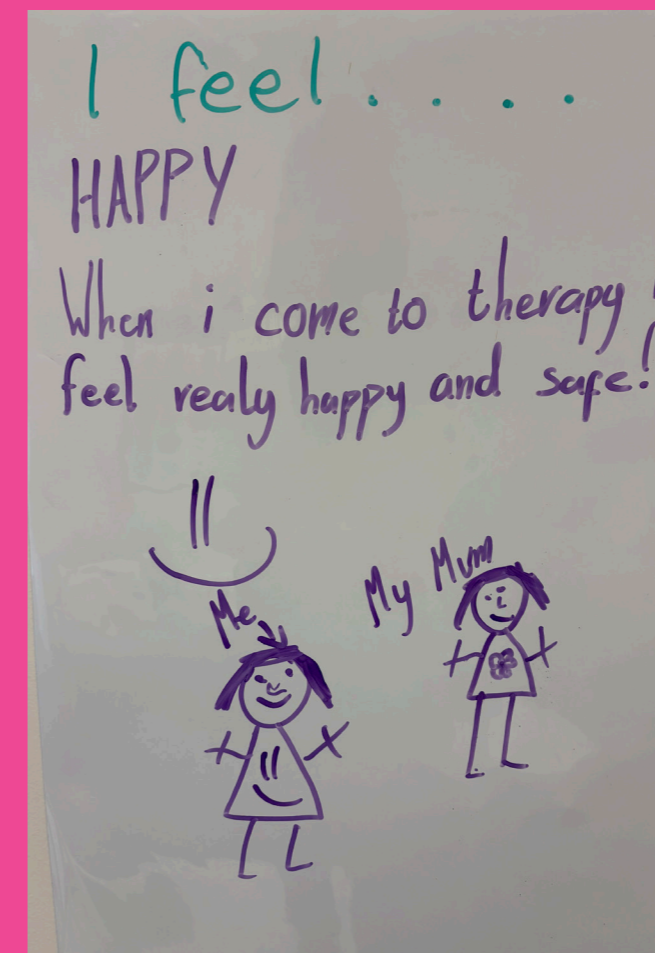
Celebrating our exceptional team

Emerge is fortunate to employ a multi-disciplinary team of experts in a huge range of practice areas.

Our team have expertise in case management, social work, mental health, AOD, therapy, support work, art and play therapy, marketing, stakeholder coordination, finance, HR, and operations.

Each staff member brings their own professional perspective into their practice, and we all work toward our shared vision of breaking the cycles of violence for every client, every day. The work is complex and deeply rewarding, and is full of both enormous joys and celebrations alongside difficult challenges.

We couldn't do it without our wonderful team – they are the heart of Emerge.



Examples of our clients' wonderful artwork.

Support our work

All donations, large or small, help us provide services, programs and material aid to support refuge, case management early intervention, therapeutic support and long term recovery for women and children escaping family violence.

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