



MEDIA STATEMENT

PURPLE BENCHES HONOUR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC HOMICIDE IN WA

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) is proud to launch the first of a series of **Purple Benches to be located in public spaces** to honour all victims killed as a result of Domestic and Family Violence. This initiative is supported by Local Government Councils and Members of Parliament.

The latest data from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) reports **one woman a week is killed** from a current or former partner; and **one man a month** is killed due to Domestic and Family Violence. In the first 6 weeks on 2018, nine women have been killed including two women in Western Australia.

It is fitting that the first bench will be launched by **The Hon. Simone McGurk, MLA**, Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and **Dr Brad Pettitt, Mayor**, City of Fremantle the day before International Women's Day.

Date: Wednesday 7 March
Time: 5.15pm KINGS SQUARE (alongside) Fremantle Town Hall
8 William St FREMANTLE

Purple was chosen as it is associated worldwide with the Domestic Violence awareness movement.

In Nova Scotia, Canada, Purple Benches are located in public parks to honour the memory of women murdered by their partner and to provide **HELP numbers** for people experiencing DFV. They are known as **Barb's Benches** and were launched in 2015 to mark the 25-year anniversary of the murder of Barb Baillie by her husband.



In honour of all victims of Domestic and Family Violence. If you need advice and support
Women's DV Helpline 9233 1188 1800 007 339

For further information call Angela Hartwig CEO on 0409 207 264