

BREAKING

THE SILENCE

Annual Report 2019-2020



We are pleased to present the Breaking the Silence Annual Report for 2019-2020. This report describes Breaking the Silence's performance over the 2019 - 2020 Financial Year.

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OVERVIEW

WHAT DO WE DO?

Breaking the Silence is a unique and innovative organisation that addresses the complex issue of abusive relationships in regional, rural and remote areas of Western Australia. Our journey began in 2017 when our founder, Esperance-based author Fleur McDonald, established an online information directory of family and domestic violence services for her home town of Esperance and neighbouring Albany. During her frequent travels she had many conversations with people which demonstrated a need for a service that specifically provided people living in regional, rural and remote communities information about the options available to them when seeking advice and practical support.

Now, thanks to a Commonwealth Government grant we have been able to launch a comprehensive new online information hub initially focusing on 16 regional areas of Western Australia covering the East and West Kimberley, Pilbara, Wheatbelt, Goldfields Esperance, Great Southern, Mid-West and some parts of the South West. This will be followed by the establishment of a regional, rural and remote focused telephone counselling service in October 2020 and online web-chat service in early 2021.



BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe that every person in a relationship should feel safe, respected and free from any form of violence or oppression.

VISION

Our vision is that by 2022 we will have the profile, funding and capacity to offer assistance to any person living in an abusive relationship in regional Western Australia.

MISSION

Our mission is to support any person impacted by an abusive relationship in rural, regional and remote Western Australia to make informed choices that enhance their life and personal safety, and through case management, to help those using violence or abuse to change their behaviour to eliminate their use of violence or abuse.

OUR PURPOSE

We intend to achieve our vision and mission through:

- Making it easy for people experiencing domestic violence to find local family and domestic violence support services in their town via a comprehensive online service directory.
- Providing people experiencing domestic violence with regionally focused and relevant information about domestic violence, and tools on our website to assist them to empower themselves to make informed choices that enhance their life and personal safety.
- Establishing a regional, rural and remote focused online support and counselling service providing safety planning, referral, case management as well as single and multi-session counselling for people impacted by domestic and family violence. Our counselling service will provide:
 - caring and trained counsellors providing anonymous, confidential, and non-judgmental support
 - a private and safe space for people experiencing family and domestic violence to talk about their experiences and concerns
 - practical tools, strategies and information to help people experiencing family and domestic violence make informed choices
 - support to help people experiencing family and domestic violence work through their options in the short and long term
 - an understanding of the additional challenges people experiencing family and domestic violence face when living in regional areas
 - readily accessible and relevant advice, information and referral to local and state or national family and domestic violence support services

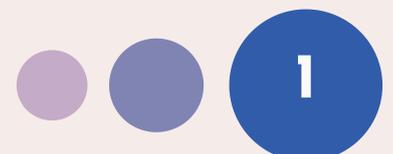
OUR VALUES

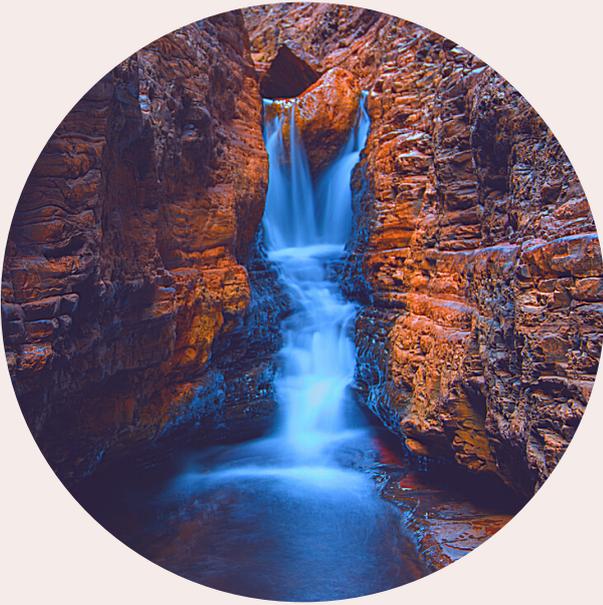
The Breaking the Silence client is at the centre of everything we do. Our ten core values are:

- Respect for the dignity of those we serve
- Compassion for others
- The absence of judgement in all our actions
- Belief in empowerment
- Understanding of vulnerability
- Importance of collaboration
- Genuine empathy for others
- Commitment to achieving social change
- Ensuring accuracy of available data
- Consistent delivery of high quality advice and support

WHO WE HELP

Our primary focus is supporting anyone in regional Western Australian who is facing or experiencing family and domestic violence, regardless of age, gender, sexuality, religion, ethnicity or ability.





From the Chair

Family and domestic violence is both a crime and a fundamental breach of human rights which can lead to long term social, health, psychological, financial and economic damage for victims of abuse at great cost to the community. The problem is greatly exacerbated in remote areas where reporting is difficult because of close community connections and the range and accessibility of support available to victims is extremely limited.

The Western Australian Police have recorded that statistics in regional Western Australia, family violence related offences (Assault (family), Threatening behaviour (family) and Breach of Violence restraint order) has risen from 5501 offences in 2010-2011 to 12,723 in 2018-2019 [1], a 43% increase. Family and domestic victims in regional, rural and remote (RRR) areas of Western Australia face additional challenges to the Perth based population including remoteness, lack of anonymity, unreliable or no internet access, natural disasters such as flooding, bushfires, drought, and lack of local and accessible family and domestic violence support services. The 2016 Personal Safety Survey reported that women living outside major cities at the time of the survey were more likely to have experienced violence from a current or previous partner since the age of 15, compared with women living in major cities [2]. Of women living outside major cities, 23% (583,000) [3] reported experiencing partner violence, compared with 15% (1 million) [4] of women living in major cities. For men, 66% (165,000) [5] living outside major cities reported experiencing partner violence, compared with 5.9% (384,000) men living in major cities [6].

Breaking the Silence is a ground-breaking way for people living in Western Australia's regional landscape who are experiencing family and domestic violence to get help that is targeted at the unique circumstances that come from living in regional, rural and remote areas. This has been made possible by a brave and driven regional woman, Fleur McDonald, who saw that there needed to be a more effective way for help to be accessible and relevant to victims outside the city.

When Fleur approached me about an idea she had to develop a program to deliver regional specific help for family and domestic violence victims, her determination and enthusiasm was infectious. Looking back over the past twelve months and what has been achieved I am in no doubt that Breaking the Silence will bring about meaningful change by delivering help to victims living in an abusive situation and most importantly assist to reduce the incidence of family and domestic violence through early intervention and prevention.

[1] Western Australian Police, Crime Statistics for Regional WA (Website), 2020, <http://edit.police.wa.gov.au/Crime/CrimeStatistics#/start> (accessed 10 February 2020).

[2] Australian Bureau of Statistics, Personal Safety Survey 2016 (Website), 2017, <https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/4906.0~2016~Main%20Features~About%20the%20Personal%20Safety%20Survey%20~2> (accessed 10 February 2020).

[3] Ibid
[4] Ibid
[5] Ibid
[6] Ibid

Thanks to Fleur's tenacity and persistence, the Federal Government agreed that there was a need to provide funding targeted at regional Western Australia and a \$23m grant was made available to develop and establish Breaking the Silence. Reflecting over the past year the progress has been palpable. This has been made possible by the work the Executive Officer Esther S has undertaken to bring this to fruition. Breaking the Silence now has a website offering help for people living in 16 rural, regional and remote Western Australia areas that is specific to their region with webchat and live counsellor connections including case management being added in the year ahead.

The Board of Breaking the Silence have overseen and guided the establishment of the company and the development and delivery of the project. A culture of sound corporate governance has been established and all processes are approached in a professional manner with risks identified and mitigation strategies developed. An audit and risk committee, clinical committee and fundraising committee have been established to advise the board.

We have engaged with DVConnect, Queensland's state family and domestic violence crisis service to support the establishment of the Breaking the Silence clinical framework and telephony infrastructure leveraging their communications network. Their assistance has been invaluable.

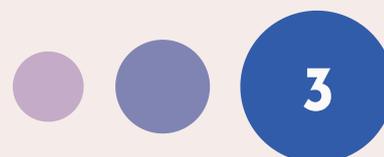
We are also cognisant of the need to have data that can guide the direction of the organisation into the future and provide Government with the opportunity to assess incidence of family and domestic violence in regional, rural and remote areas.

The year ahead holds an exciting time with a rebrand of the organisation planned, along with delivery of a cutting edge website containing an information hub and updated online directory, and the telephone counselling services being launched in October 2020.

I am most grateful for the support of a dedicated board and a quality executive team to deliver this important program to regional Western Australia.



PETER FITZPATRICK
AO, AM(Mil), JP, FSAE, GAICD



From the Executive Officer

As the Executive Officer for Breaking the Silence, I am pleased to report that significant progress has been made with this exciting and important project since the Commonwealth Grant was granted in October 2019, and sincerely thank the Commonwealth Government for their ongoing support.

A new Board consisting of eight members was established in October 2019, including Peter Fitzpatrick being appointed as the Chairman, and the Founder of Breaking the Silence, Fleur McDonald, being appointed as Vice Chair. We are also graciously supported by the Hon. Kim Beazley AC and Hon. Liza Harvey MLA as patrons of Breaking the Silence, and in November 2019, I was appointed as its Executive Officer.

January 2020 saw the establishment of an interim Breaking the Silence office in Subiaco, which has been kindly provided to Breaking the Silence on a pro-bono basis, and the appointment of a Research Officer and part-time Marketing Officer.

Since this time, relevant insurances, accounting systems, and bank accounts have been set up, along with the development of a range of policies and procedures which have been compiled to form a governance manual for the organisation. A Strategic Plan and Business Plan have also been developed and ratified by the Board to provide a strong strategic direction and focus for the organisation and its Executive Officer over the grant period. Breaking the Silence has also graciously been offered pro-bono legal support by a leading Perth legal firm who have successfully coordinated the submission and application for Breaking the Silence's charity status with the ACNC. Breaking the Silence have also since been endorsed for TCC and as a DGR.

A separate Funding Committee has been established by the Board to coordinate applications for additional funding to enable Breaking the Silence to expand and cover all of regional Western Australian, and plan for the future sustainability of the organisation.

From an operational perspective, whilst originally only funded for 10 pilot areas, we have been able to research and launch a total of 16 regional area in an online services directory on the Breaking the Silence website, all ahead of the original schedule.

The scoping and research phase for the implementation and delivery of the family and domestic violence online web chat services and telephone counselling services, which form a major part of the deliverables for this project, was also concluded in June with the recommended approach endorsed by the Breaking the Silence Board. This will see the telephone counselling services operational and live by October 2020.

The coming months will see the appointment of Client Services Manager to lead the set-up of the telephone counselling services, as well as the development of partnerships and engagement with local, state and national family and domestic violence service providers that are included in our online directory.

New office premises were also secured and we have graciously been donated all the office furniture providing a significant cost saving.

Work has commenced on a promotion and stakeholder engagement plan to raise the profile of Breaking the Silence, awareness with clients of its services and traffic to the website. A soft marketing launch will be undertaken in the coming months with a more comprehensive launch planned in regional Western Australia once the online web chat and telephone counselling services go live later in the year.

Finally, the devastating outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and relevant restrictions saw Breaking the Silence respond quickly with the development of a Covid-19 Business Continuity Plan, relocating staff to work from home, and seamlessly continuing with its operations. Although we were well prepared, there was a number of learning for our organisation.

I would like to thank the Board and all Breaking the Silence employees for their collective contribution, inspiration, professionalism and support in establishing Breaking the Silence in its first year of operation.

We are committed to reducing family and domestic violence across regional, remote and rural Western Australia and I look forward to the year ahead as we move into our operational phase to implement our strategic plan and work closely with our sector partners.



ESTHER S.



Board of Directors

Breaking the Silence is a Public Company Limited by Guarantee governed by a Board of Directors who volunteer their time and are responsible for ensuring strategic direction, implementation of governance policies, adherence to regulatory obligations and oversight of performance and management activities.

PETER FITZPATRICK - CHAIR AO, AM(Mil), JP, FSAE, GAICD



Peter Fitzpatrick is widely respected and recognized for the outstanding contributions made during his professional life at the helm of two peak bodies as the Chief Executive Officer for the legal profession and the motor industry. Prior to this Peter had a distinguished 20 year military career, including service with the elite Special Air Service (SASR) Regiment as an Australian Army Officer, taking early retirement with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1997 he was a strategic adviser to the then Prime Minister, John Howard. For five years he was a coach and mentor of a group of 18 high performing CEOs committed to leading profitable and effective companies. He is currently a director on eight Boards, chairing six. The boards are a mix of for profit and not for profit organizations. He is Chair of a transport company board, a start-up company in the agricultural sector, a consortium of 10 organisations operating in the youth at risk area.

He is the Chair of the Bravery Trust, a national organisation which provides financial and education support to veterans from the Navy, Army and Air Force who are in serious need and to widows and children of the fallen. He is also the Chairman of the National SAS Association and is the Chair of a new organisation that he has helped to set up to provide support to victims of family and domestic violence in rural and remote regions. He is an adviser and Patron to a number of other veteran and mental health organizations. He provides training as well as strategic and governance advice in the corporate sector, not for profit organisations and to the indigenous community. He was previously a director and chair of the audit and risk committee of REMCO, the regulator for the gas industry in Western Australia. He also completed a four year Term as the Chair of the Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention and was Chair of the Waste Authority.

He facilitates four modules on the Company Directors' Course, as well as modules for local government and for not for profit and registered organizations on Governance, Board Performance Finance, Strategy, Risk and Leadership. He is a graduate of the company directors Course and has an Advanced Diploma in Company Directorship (Mastery of the Boardroom). He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2018 and a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Military Division in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 1984. He was also a previous state finalist for Australian of the Year.

FLEUR MCDONALD - VICE CHAIR AND FOUNDER



Fleur is often referred to as the voice of the outback. From a childhood spent on her parent's South Australian farm to studying agribusiness at college and eventually co-owning and managing a 3200 hectare property in Esperance, she has always had an affinity with country Australia. Life on the land has been the inspiration for Fleur to write a series of best-selling novels that have made her Australia's most popular rural literature author. It has also fuelled her desire to champion the voice of Australia's rural women and celebrate their contribution to agribusiness.

Fleur was a WA finalist for the prestigious RIRDC Rural Women's Award in 2017 and the first female Co-Director for Prickle Farm for her local Rotary Club. She is WA representative of Australian Women in Agriculture and a member of the National Rural Women's Coalition Communications Resource Team. Fleur's vision is to make DVassist available across rural Australia.



Board of Directors



JENNY BLOOM - COMPANY SECRETARY

Jenny has an extensive business background with experience in Western Australia and Victoria's public and private sectors. She is a business owner as well as a Non-Executive Director of the Australian-based resource company, BCI Minerals Ltd and is Chair of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. Jenny was most recently a member and Deputy Chair of the Waste Authority of Western Australia for eight years.

Living for 25 years in Broome, Jenny was a former Councillor and Deputy Shire President for the Shire of Broome and an independent director of a Broome-based Aboriginal Corporation. Jenny has first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing communities in rural, regional and remote areas of Western Australia. Having witnessed the impact of family and domestic violence and the limited access to services that cater for the unique circumstances of living in the regional WA, Jenny is committed to contributing to improving the help available to victims and perpetrators and achieving tangible outcomes.



KELLY STARCEVICH - TREASURER

Kelly has personal insight into the impact of domestic violence and the emotional toll on those who live through the experience.

After calling Canada home for 13 years, she moved to Esperance in Western Australia's Goldfields-Esperance region in 2004 to raise her only child in a small community, close to family.

Kelly is an active member of the Rotary Club of Esperance Bay and has been part of the banking industry for more than ten years. Having observed first-hand the devastation family and domestic violence can have on regional families and the significant challenges they face when seeking support, Kelly relishes the opportunity to contribute to a new approach.

She believes connecting people with the right resources and removing the social stigma that often prevents victims from reaching out can lead to change in rural Australia.



BEV BLAKEMORE - NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bev is a counsellor and hypnotherapist. She has run a private clinic for the last 12 years in Melbourne, Victoria. Over the years, Bev has worked with teenagers and adults, helping them find out who they are so they can choose their best life. Bev has helped people work through issues such as anxiety, depression, PTSD, and addiction.

In 2018 Bev completed her Honours in Psychology with her thesis on the barriers to help-seeking for people experiencing family and domestic violence. Bev is passionate about helping people and giving everyone the chance to be heard and validated.



Board of Directors



LACHLAN HUNTER - NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lachlan Hunter hails from a mixed cropping and livestock farm near Bruce Rock in Western Australia's Central Wheatbelt region.

He has extensive experience within politics and government having worked as a Senior Policy Adviser for a number of State and Commonwealth Government Ministers. Mr Hunter studied a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Political Science and International relations at The University of Western Australia.

He has also worked in the private sector within the agricultural industry holding mid-tier management roles. Mr Hunter has a long history of volunteering within agriculture, community and mental health organisations. He is passionate about the future development of Regional and Rural Australia particularly in education, agriculture and technology. Wanting to ensure social change within rural regions has seen him join DVassist as a non-executive director.



DR MIKE MEARS - NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mike was born and raised in rural south west England and studied medicine at the London Hospital Medical College.

Graduating in 1985, he worked in London, Bristol, and Bath before heading to Australia, where he lived in far North Queensland and Tasmania. Mike returned to the Lake District of England to complete his GP training but eventually settled back in Australia in 1995. After three years in Kalgoorlie working for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, he made Esperance his home.

Mike is part of a group practice in Esperance and works part-time for the University of WA and Notre Dame's University Rural Clinic. Throughout his professional career, Mike has seen the human cost of family and domestic violence and wants to empower people to transform their lives with the right knowledge and resources.



SHELLEY SMITH - NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Shelley moved to Esperance in the Great Southern in 1981 to farm with her husband and two sons. After her daughter was born, Shelley returned to teaching, juggling the demands of working, raising a young family, and studying. Shelley went on to attain a Bachelor of Education, Masters of Education and Professional Doctorate Transdisciplinary Studies and retired in 2010 while Principal of Condingup Primary School.

Shelley is currently a Justice of the Peace. She is also Chair of Bay of Isles Community Outreach, a non-profit organisation providing recovery-focused, community-managed mental health and well-being services for people affected by mental illness, carers, and families.





Why is it so hard in the country?

Many people experiencing family or domestic violence within the home don't realise they are experiencing family or domestic violence, because to them, it is a normal way to live. From the outset of this program, through blogs and social media - a recurring theme continues to be - *"I didn't know it was domestic violence"* or *"I didn't think it was domestic violence because they didn't hit me"*. Once this is understood, barriers for individuals include reaching out and receiving assistance; knowing where to look locally for assistance; how to ask about accessibility or programs, and when and how to assert their rights.

The Breaking the Silence project will begin to address these barriers through education and increasing accessibility to support services while also maintaining anonymity - a critical consideration in a small regional town. Once people learn what family and domestic violence is and where to find services to assist, it is expected that access to local services will increase and offer improved delivery of local services.

Isolation of victims within rural areas compounds both the level of family and domestic violence being experienced and the ability to receive assistance. Unlike urban areas, no one can hear the victim scream and there will not be neighbours intervening or calling the police. Isolation is vast; geographically, economically and socially. Sadly, even though isolation itself can be a great burden, it becomes a leverage and tool for the person using violence.

There are often limited family and domestic violence support services in RRR areas, including crisis accommodation, family and domestic violence legal advice, counselling and emergency relief. Services will often provide an outreach service to an entire region, so if someone experiencing family and domestic violence needs immediate support or if they are in crisis, they may experience longer wait times than those in urban areas.

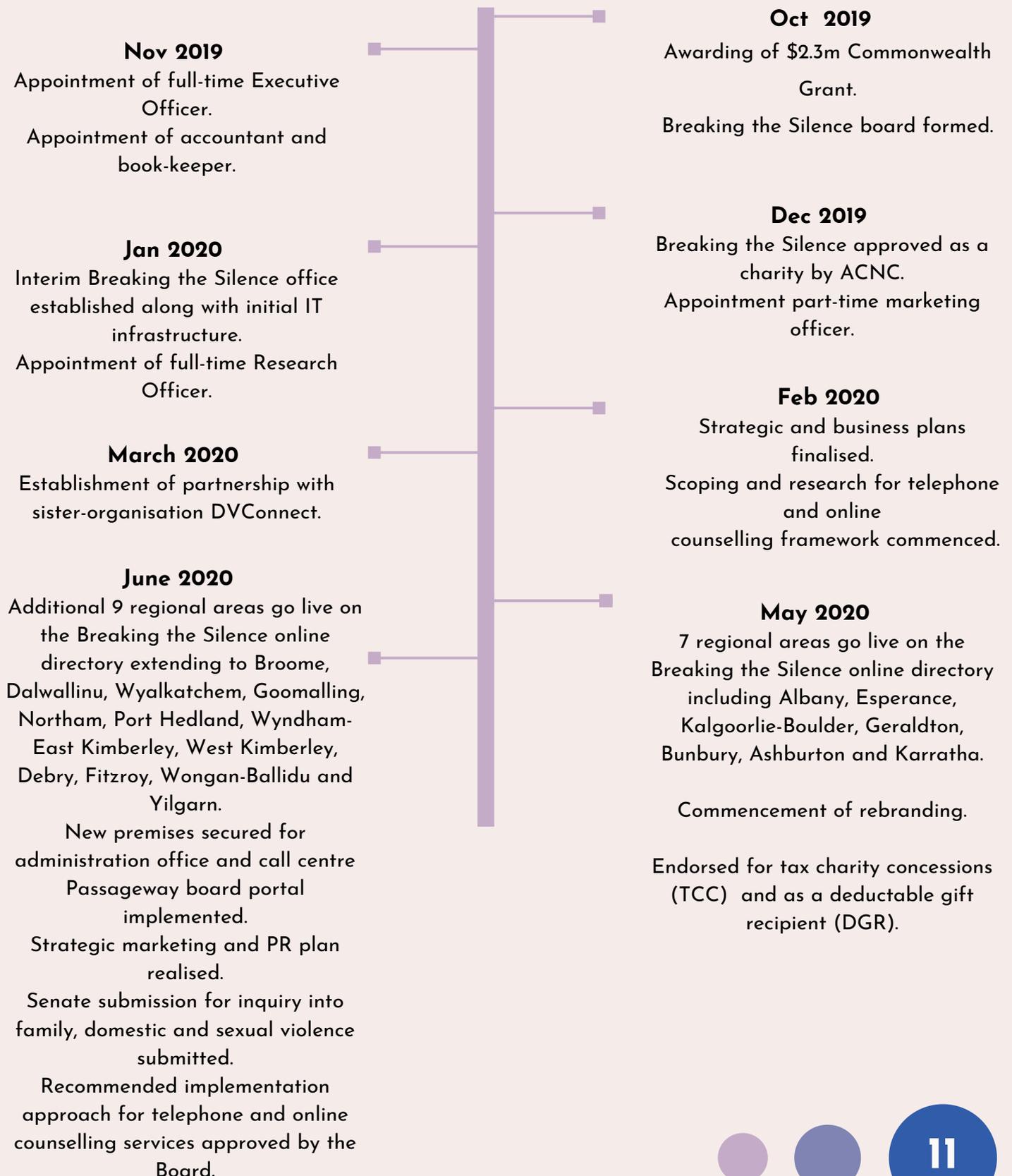
Further, service providers such as crisis accommodation services in regional, remote, and rural areas are regularly at full capacity due to a lack of alternative options in the area. If crisis accommodation is not available, those experiencing family or domestic violence may have to remain in situations of family and domestic violence, in order to avoid homelessness. There is also often a lack of funding to relevant services, meaning some services may only be available for a limited period of time, making it very difficult for those experiencing violence to find a reliable support service.

A perceived and actual lack of anonymity within small regional areas is understood to be one of the foremost reasons for a victim not seeking assistance or information. Breaking the Silence addresses this in delivering information and access to services within the privacy of the home. A virtual support service when someone feels they don't have anyone or anywhere to turn.



ABOUT 2019/2020

Our achievements during this reporting period are diverse - showcasing journeys which presented opportunities and learning curves for us. These achievements are highlighted below:





The Year Ahead

An exciting year lays ahead for the Breaking the Silence team as it moves into its operational phase.

A New Name

The year ahead will see Breaking the Silence re-launch under a new name, DVassist, to better reflect the services which the organisation will deliver, differentiate itself from other family and domestic violence service providers, and to create a recognisable brand that connects with RRR areas across Western Australia. The rebranding will include a new logo, tagline, and corporate colours.

New Office Space

After working in an interim office for most this year, the Breaking the Silence team will move into new office premises in August 2020. The office will feature an open space for the call centre and separated office space for administration staff.

A New Website

A new and innovative website will be launched in September with low resolution graphics, simple navigation and an updated directory hosting 16 regional areas to make finding timely and relevant information easier and faster. In addition to being able to locate local and state/national FDV support services across 16 categories, the website will become an information hub for people experiencing violence to find assistance when no help may immediately be available. It will feature:

- suggested pathways to find safety whether someone is in a crisis, needing to stay in their home or planning to leave.
- online quizzes
- safety planning tips
- escape bag checklists
- information for staying safe online
- how to obtain violence restraining orders
- how to terminate a lease on FDV grounds
- tips to help stay safe during COVID-19
- how to obtain legal and financial advice

The website will also feature information for friends and family who may witness FDV and suggestions of how they may be able to assist. In phase two of the website, online resources are also planned for people using violence.

The Year Ahead

Telephone Counselling Services

October 2020 will see the Breaking the Silence telephone counselling services go live. The Breaking the Silence counselling service will initially be available from 10am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday, with plans to extend it to 10am to 10 pm, seven days a week in 2021.

A Client Services Manager with extensive experience in leading specialist family and domestic violence counselling teams will oversee the call centre.

Specialist family and domestic violence Counsellors will follow the national West Australian Family and Domestic Violence Common Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework - a national and best-practice approach to assess and manage family violence.

Breaking the Silence will initially provide single session counselling and referrals to local services within 16 pilot regions.

In the future, it will move to multi-session counselling and case management and develop a specific offering for people using violence.

Webchat Counselling Services

Supplementing the telephone counselling services, Breaking the Silence will offer online webchat support and counselling from early 2021. The service will provide "silent support" to those experiencing FDV providing an avenue of support and someone to talk to online via their mobile or computer without the danger of being heard by the person using violence. The online webchat service will initially operate from 10 am to 10 pm, Monday to Friday, extending to seven days a week until 3am as of mid 2021.

Community Engagement

Breaking the Silence will look to finalise its Community Engagement strategy and framework which will involve local community consultation at various levels to support its approach to working collaboratively with local service providers, key stakeholders, and community members in each of the 16 regions in which it will initially operate.

Financial Report

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Breaking the Silence Limited ABN 80 392 422 300 ABN 634 589 834

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR BREAKING THE SILENCE LIMITED

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of Breaking the Silence Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 20 October 2020. That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, or the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Breaking the Silence Limited.

The Responsibility of the Board Members for the Summary Financial Report

The Board Members of the entity are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Breaking the Silence Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020 are consistent, in all material respects, with that audited financial report.

NOT FOR PROFIT ACCOUNTING SPECIALISTS (NFPAS)

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Nicholas Matsis CPA

Dated: 20 October 2020

Registered Company Auditor No 77466



Financial Report

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	2020
INCOME	\$
Grant Income	650,000
Other Income	<u>44,178</u>
TOTAL INCOME	694,178
EXPENSES	
Employee Benefits	121,606
Other Expenses	<u>56,127</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	177,773
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>516, 445</u>
Other Comprehensive Income	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>516, 445</u></u>

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	425,994
Trade & Other Receivables	2,340
Financial Assets	100,000
CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	<u>528,334</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>528,334</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Trade & Other Payables	
Provisions	9,237 2,652
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>11, 889</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>11, 889</u>
NET ASSETS	516, 445
	<u><u>516, 445</u></u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) For the Year	516, 445
EQUITY	<u><u>516, 445</u></u>



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We graciously thank our funder, Patrons, supporters, staff, partners and volunteers for their on-going support of Breaking the Silence.

Our Funder

The Breaking the Silence project would not be possible without the generous support and funding from the Federal Government, through the Department of Health under the Community Health and Hospital Program.

Our Patrons

We are grateful for the continued support provided by our patrons The Honourable Kim Beazley AC - Governor of Western Australia and Hon. Liza Harvey MLA - Leader of the WA Liberal Party, Member for Scarborough.

Our Supporters

Along with the generous grant from the Australian Government, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive pro-bono services and donations to help us make the DVassist vision a reality. We are grateful for the support of:

- Fleur McDonald and the Parnell Foundation for their initial start-up funds and contribution to Breaking the Silence
- The Criddle Family who provided us with an interim office space while we were searching for our call centre premises.
- Norton Rose Fullbright and Jackson McDonald for their pro-bono legal services.
- Walker and Scoble for the provision of their accounting services

Partnerships

DVConnect

A gracious thank you to DVConnect CEO, Beck Connor, and her incredible executive team, for their encouragement, support and collaboration to assist us with establishing our telephone counselling services.

McCusker Centre for Citizenship

We had the privilege of hosting three interns this year from the UWA McCusker Centre for Citizenship and look forward to hosting additional interns over the coming year. The interns provide a valuable additional resource for project related work.



Breaking the Silence values equity and diversity in its workforce and with our stakeholders and communities we serve. We are committed to the development and sustainability of an environment that is inclusive and equal for people from all backgrounds and lifestyles, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, people of diverse sexuality and/or gender and people with disabilities.

Breaking the Silence respectfully acknowledges and celebrates the Traditional Owners / Custodians throughout Australia and pays its respects to Elders, children and young people of past, current and future generations.



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