

Maybanke Matters



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Here's what has happened in the last few months and what's to come!

Maybanke has had a busy and productive first few months of 2024 and we are all excited about future plans. However, I must start by addressing the horrendous situation of family and domestic violence in Australia.

As I write, in 2024 35 women have been killed, 7 of them in Queensland. It's encouraging that all levels of government are now taking this national emergency seriously and are working to address it.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, we have included more detailed information and ideas on how you can help. Everyone can make a difference.

Our accommodation at Maybanke is always at capacity. Over the past two years, we have been advocating for additional housing, particularly for single women or mothers with young babies.

We have received support for our proposals from local politicians at all levels and I am pleased to confirm that the Department of Housing is funding an additional unit to be built on our current refuge site, with completion scheduled for this Spring.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, we celebrate grant success and acknowledge the many organisations and individuals who support us.

Thank you—your contributions make a real difference.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Jacky Burkett x

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Red Rose Rallies – Change the Ending

Whenever a woman or child is killed due to Family and Domestic Violence in Queensland, the Red Rose Foundation organises rallies across the state to honour and remember the victims.

Locally, these rallies are held in Cleveland, Maybanke team members attend to join with other community members to raise awareness of the issue and the lives lost.

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Grant Success

Thank you to Redland City Council for the \$20,000 funding for Welcome Packs for Clients - Home Essentials. We will use the funding to offer a "welcome pack" for clients providing them with everything they will need to set up their home. This provides a long-term benefit to the clients, who are then able to set up their lives independently, ultimately supporting long-term employment and housing outcomes.

Redland City Council is proud to provide funding to Maybanke Association as part of the Civic Support Fund to assist the Redlands Community.



Fundraising

Thank you to Bayside Women in Business for running a raffle in support of Maybanke. Prizes totalling almost \$2,000!

Tickets are still available at:
<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=surkx>

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 21st June 2024.

Thank you to recent donors:

- The Christian Church Cleveland
- Ormiston Weight Loss Club
- Tegan Glaister of Workforce Strategy and Capability
- Department of Environment Science

It's Time To Change



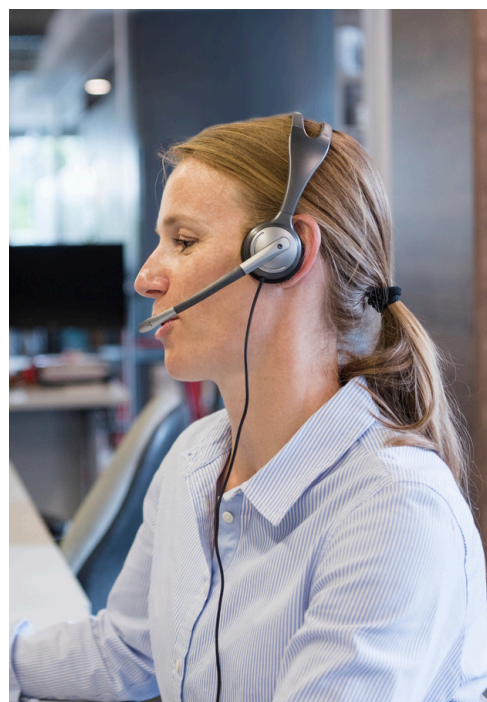
Queensland Police Commissioner: “We should be ashamed”

In a recent interview with ABC's Stateline Queensland's new police commissioner Steve Gollschewski said we should be ashamed of the violence against women and that women around Australia are right to feel enraged about gender violence. He expects that by the end of this financial year the Queensland police service will have responded to nearly 200,000 domestic and family violence incidents, this equates to over 500 a day. When you think that this is only the incidents that are reported it is terrifying to think of how many thousands of women are living in fear. Its no wonder that the Commissioner Gollschewski has said addressing Family & Domestic Violence is his number one challenge.



What can I do?

- Download and use the free [Be there app](#) which gives you direct access to tools that empower, educate and support you to help someone who is experiencing DFV.
- Help a family member or friend who may be experiencing DFV find support by referring them to the [Domestic and Family Violence Portal](#).
- Find out how to [help someone experiencing DFV](#).
- Fathers have an important role in [teaching sons how to respect girls and women](#). If you're a dad, think about how you treat—and refer to—women and model appropriate behaviour.
- Check out the Australian Government's [Stop it at the start campaign](#) that explains how adults—often without meaning to—say things that excuse disrespectful behaviour in young people.
- If you're a parent or carer of a young person, read about [The Line campaign](#) and how to talk to young people about healthy, respectful relationships.
- If you hear or witness violence in your neighbourhood, phone the police on Triple Zero (000). Even if you hear the violence stop, you should still contact the police so they can investigate, make sure people are safe, and possibly prevent it occurring again.
- Challenge sexist comments or jokes that are derogatory or belittling of women
- Host a fundraising event for a [local DFV support service](#) or donate your time, goods or money to help them.





Case Study - April 2024

Demographics –

- Mother aged 24 years old who identifies as Afghani, whose primary language is Persian/Farsi and speaks minimal English.
- Female child aged 5 months, born in Australia.

Maybanke responded to a referral from DVConnect concerning a young Afghan mother and her child who were temporarily housed in hotel accommodation. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Maybanke promptly arranged for alternative accommodation at an off-site property and facilitated the family's transfer from a local McDonald's to the new location. Upon arrival, the family was warmly welcomed by a friend of the mother.

Understanding the immediate needs of the family, Maybanke provided essential items for the baby, including a pram, diapers, clothing, and wipes, along with gift vouchers for Woolworths. Additionally, Maybanke referred the family to Baby Give Back, which swiftly provided further assistance with baby supplies, including a diaper bag and a safe sleeper.

Furthermore, in collaboration with the Child Case worker, Maybanke ensured that the daughter was promptly listed on the waitlist for daycare, recognizing the importance of accessing suitable childcare services for the family's stability and well-being.

Recognizing the high risk faced by the family, Maybanke took steps to relocate them to the main property for closer support from staff and the mother's friend. During this transition period, Maybanke assisted the mother in setting up a bank account to redirect Centrelink

payments, with the assistance of a Centrelink officer who facilitated the creation of a new MyGov account and organized the necessary payments while providing guidance on income reporting and linking Medicare to the account. Furthermore, Maybanke facilitated the family's access to a local doctor who was proficient in Farsi, enabling effective communication regarding the mother's health concerns and her daughter's sleep issues and immunizations. The doctor initiated an immunization catch-up program for the daughter and provided valuable education to support the mother in her role as a first-time parent.

Maybanke has coordinated with local law enforcement to schedule a statement provision in support of the Domestic Violence Order (DVO) against the perpetrator, in preparation for the forthcoming court proceedings.

In the initial stages of assisting this family, Maybanke has addressed their immediate needs comprehensively. Formalized case plans have been established, and the young mother has articulated her personal aspirations, including obtaining her driver's license and enrolling in TAFE. Collaboratively, Maybanke and the case workers have devised a plan for progression. Additionally, the family now perceives a significant improvement in their safety and well-being, thriving under Maybanke's supportive guidance.

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Thank you for reading!
