

Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund – Round One

Linking Communities Education Van Linking Communities Network

Remote and rural communities have some of the highest rates of domestic and family violence in the state, and victims can often feel isolated from available services.

The *Linking Communities Education Van* is a three year project that will bring domestic violence education and support services to communities in the Western Murrumbidgee region.

Commencing in September 2017, the Van will cover the 110,000km² Western Murrumbidgee region.

The Van will visit festivals, shows, agricultural days, and other major events in towns including Hillston, Hay, West Wyalong, Narrandera and Lockhart. When not travelling, the Van will be based in Griffith where it will provide education and resources.

The *Linking Communities Education Van* will be a safe space for the provision of information, support, and referrals.

The Van will also support collaboration between agencies across the broader Murrumbidgee region.

The *Linking Communities Education Van* aims to:

- Increase levels of awareness of domestic and family violence,
- support referrals to specialist domestic and family violence services, and
- contribute towards a reduction of violence within rural and remote communities in NSW.

For further information regarding the *Linking Communities Education Van*, contact the Linking Communities Network at lcn@lcn.org.au or on (02) 6964 3381.