

Media Release

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ECHUCA JOINS LODDON ORANGE DOOR NETWORK

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring people across Campaspe Shire have access to the family violence and child wellbeing support they need, with the expansion of the Loddon Orange Door Network.

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence officially announced the opening of the Echuca access point for the Loddon Orange Door Network, ensuring more people across the region can access the support they need closer to home.

The Orange Door Network is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families needing support with the wellbeing and development of their children.

It brings together workers from specialist family violence, men's, Aboriginal and child and family services, to provide coordinated, multi-disciplinary support, including crisis assistance and support, risk assessments, safety planning and wellbeing support.

The Orange Door in Loddon is a strong partnership between Anglicare Victoria, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Centre for Non-Violence, and Njernda Aboriginal Corporation and the Victorian Government.

Since opening in 2020, the Orange Door in Loddon has supported more than 14,000 people, including 6,000 children. The Orange Door can be accessed by phone, email or face to face across Loddon, Macedon, Mount Alexander, Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo and Campaspe local government areas.

People can also access help and support from an access point in Maryborough, which opened in June 2021, and from outposts established in Loddon Shire and Macedon Ranges.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with more than \$3.7 billion invested since the Royal Commission into Family Violence - more than every other state and territory combined.

The Orange Door Network - a key recommendation of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence - has so far assisted more than 238,000 people across Victoria, including more than 95,000 children, since 2018.

The Orange Door network is open Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm. For more information call 1800 271 170 or visit orangedoor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

"When experiencing family violence, reaching out for help can be the hardest thing a person will do. We are making sure that accessing advice and support is as easy as possible, no matter where you live."

"We are already seeing the power of services working together to support child and family wellbeing, with thousands of residents accessing the Loddon Orange Door Network since it opened."