Media Release

The Hon Ros Spence MP

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ORANGE DOOR NETWORK NOW OPEN IN BRIMBANK MELTON

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring people across Brimbank Melton can access the family violence and child wellbeing support they need with the opening of the Orange Door Network.

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 services 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 Network in Brimbank Melton is a strong partnership between GenWest, Western Health, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Services and Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd, MacKillop Family Services and the Victorian Government.

The Orange Door Network, a key recommendation of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence, has assisted more than 238,000 people - including 95,000 children - since it commenced in May 2018.

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 Brimbank Melton is open Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm. For more information, phone 1800 271 046, or visit <u>orangedoor.vic.gov.au</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for 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 Victorians accessing the network since it opened in 2018."

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

"The Orange Door is an important initiative that offers a network of safety, security and crucial support for women, children and families in the Brimbank Melton region."

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