

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
Minister for Prevention of Family Violence  
Minister for Community Sport  
Minister for Suburban Development



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## RESPECT VICTORIA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Andrews Labor Government has welcomed four new members to the Board of Respect Victoria, the state's dedicated agency for the prevention of all forms of family violence and violence against women.

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence today announced Nesreen Bottriell, Jan Noblett, Professor Steven Roberts and Daphne Yarram have been appointed to Respect Victoria's Board to continue its important work to build a Victoria free from violence.

Ms Bottriell is a General Manager at the Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights and has significant experience in financial and executive management, governance and compliance within the government and not-for-profit sectors.

Ms Noblett is the Director of Quality and Outcomes at Anglicare Victoria and brings a strong focus on operational leadership, policy development and portfolio management in the human services sector.

Professor Roberts is an Associate Dean Grad Research (Education) and Professor of Education and Social Justice at Monash University and also has lived experience of family violence. Professor Roberts is internationally renowned for his research in critical masculinities studies and the sociology of youth and inequalities.

A proud Noongar woman, Ms Yarram has been CEO of Yoowinna Wurnalung Aboriginal Healing Service in East Gippsland for 17 years and is currently chairperson of Aboriginal Housing Victoria as well as a member of several governance groups.

The appointments fill vacancies created by the departure of three outgoing Board members, Dr Wei Leng Kwok, Rodney Jackson and Liana Papoutsis.

The new board members were chosen for their strong expertise in primary prevention, governance, financial and risk management, and in particular, their ability to add strength to the implementation of Respect Victoria's Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

Released in February, Respect Victoria's new Strategic Plan outlines the organisation's vision to play a leading role in the prevention of all forms of family violence and violence against women in Victoria.

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

*"I welcome the new members, who each bring a diversity of backgrounds and experiences ensuring strong representation of women, cultural diversity and lived experience to the Board."*

*"I'd also like to thank the outgoing board members for their significant contributions to the agency's work to prevent violence and change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to family violence and violence against women."*

### Quotes attributable to Respect Victoria Chair Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon

*"It is an exciting time for Respect Victoria as we deliver on the vision of our Strategic Plan. I am thrilled to welcome four esteemed individuals to our Board who bring depth of expertise and experience that will be critical to supporting Respect Victoria in its mission to achieve a Victoria free from violence against women and family violence."*

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