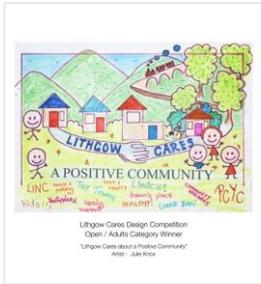


## Lithgow Cares



Lithgow Cares  
about a Positive Community

The concept of Lithgow Cares was born from a past Lithgow Partnerships against Domestic Violence and Family Abuse Planning Day, when a member of the Women's Consultation group\* remarked how when she relocated to Lithgow, the community seemed to "care". Since this time, the committee has attempted to develop the Lithgow Cares project into a domestic and family violence awareness raising campaign that also brings attention to the availability of services and supports for those experiencing domestic and family violence in the Lithgow area. The outcomes of the campaign are informed by the National Council's Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010 – 2022, and are separated into four distinct focus areas. It was identified that Lithgow Cares about; Positive Community, Healthy Relationships, Happy Families and Keeping Kids Safe.

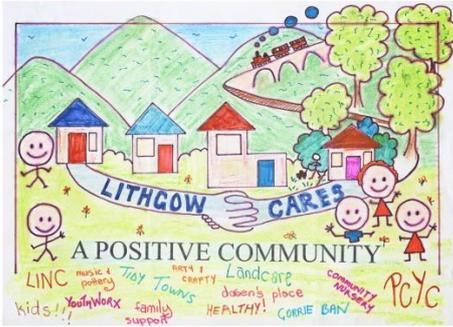
In addition to providing a safe place for women and children who may be experiencing domestic and family violence, the Lithgow Cares campaign also aims to increase community awareness of domestic and family violence, but is conscious of doing so in a manner that focuses on positive outcomes. Lithgow Cares aims to demonstrate that the wider community cares for each other and their town, in addition to promoting community ownership and responsibility for keeping Lithgow a safe and friendly environment. In doing so, the committee hopes to clearly send the message that that violence is not condoned or accepted in our community.

Since the original launch in 2012, the momentum of the Lithgow Cares campaign has grown and involved to engage the wider community and service providers. The message of Lithgow Cares has been present in many community activities including Family Fun Days, White Ribbon march and Trivia night, as well as many other community events. There are plans in place to launch the merchandise and associated messages into various schools and early childhood services. Given the similar goals and objectives, in March 2017 the dynamic Child Protection Committee formalised their partnership with LPADFVA in order to form a strong coalition of dedicated professionals working collaboratively towards building a strong, positive and safe community under the banner of Lithgow Cares.

As such Lithgow Cares partnership will be hosting an afternoon tea at the Lithgow Library during families week to promote the future direction of this great initiative. Community members and service providers are invited to join us between 2pm and 4:30pm on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss how they can be part of this positive change.

Inquiries at LINC 63522077 or Lithgow Community Projects 63512230

\* The women's consultation group was a small group of local women who had experiences of domestic violence and family abuse, and the service system. The purpose of the group was to provide a voice to those who have experienced domestic and family violence, and to keep the projects of Lithgow Community Projects Inc and LPADVFA relevant and accountable.



Lithgow Cares Design Competition  
Open / Adults Category Winner  
"Lithgow Cares about a Positive Community"  
Artist - Julie Knox

## Lithgow Cares

about a **Positive Community**



Lithgow Cares Design Competition  
High School Category Winner  
"Lithgow Cares about Healthy Relationships"  
Artist - Hayley Burke

## Lithgow Cares

about **Healthy Relationships**



Lithgow Cares Design Competition  
Infants School Category Winner  
"Lithgow Cares about Happy Families"  
Artist - Brock Ringin

## Lithgow Cares

about **Happy Families**



Lithgow Cares Design Competition  
Primary School Category Winner  
"Lithgow Cares about Keeping Kids Safe"  
Artist - Jessie Ringin

## Lithgow Cares

about **Keeping Kids Safe**

