Would you have the confidence to safely “call out” someone’s abusive behaviour?

What would you do if your elderly neighbour was being intimidated by his/her family?

The Rotary Safe Families Team: PP Mary Barry, Philip Cornish, Dorothy Gilmour, Graham O'Donnell on behalf of Rotary Melbourne would like to invite you and a family member to the launch of the Rotary Safe Families Workshops which we have created to enable every Rotarian to be “part of the solution” to family violence.

Rotary Safe Families involves:

- “empowering” you to be “part of the solution” in the prevention of family violence;
- “skilling” you and our Club members to understand that violence is NOT just physical, can happen in any family, any street and any community;
- “informing” and providing you with skills and confidence to safely “call it out”!
- “giving” you access to appropriate support agencies and referral.

We are inviting you to attend two interactive workshops with case study discussion, group work.

- **Workshop 1:** Overview of Family Violence in Australia; Family Violence Women & Impact Children.
- **Workshop 2:** Elder Abuse
- Education to dispel the myths about violence and the many ways violence can impact on women, children, teenagers, males, elderly, siblings, step-families, in-laws;
- Manual, Toolkit, Wallet Card, Badge;
- Referral and support via agencies and organisations.

Rotary Safe Families Workshops will provide you with a “tool kit” to be skilled to undertake that “sensitive” conversation with someone at risk!

Rotary Safe Families Workshops informs you not only about family violence but the impact of family violence on Children and the covert under-reported abuse of the elderly. Put up your hand and invite your friend, family member to attend the Rotary Safe Families Workshops?

This is a Rotary 100 Years initiative and all Rotary Clubs are being invited to participate!

**Workshop 1:** Wednesday, 27 March at 2.30 – 4.30 pm.
Morgan Stanley Boardroom, Level 14, 120 Collins St., Melbourne

**Workshop 2:** Wednesday 10 April at 2.30 – 4.30 pm.
Treasury Building, Spring St., Melbourne

**Email:** Dorothy Gilmour – gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com to enrol in one of both Workshops.

| Our own Victorian Government is also providing the same initiative to inform all Government employees including Victoria Police to safely “call out” violence in our communities. “The VicHealth Bystander Research Project is the first of its kind in Australia.” Vic Health website. |