

# Jodi McKay

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## **FUNDING FOR LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Sixty seven local Domestic and Family Violence Committees across the state have received NSW Government grants of \$1000 each for community activities to raise awareness about violence against women.

Minister for Women Jodi McKay joined Member for Fairfield Joe Tripodi today at the Immigrant Women's Health Service '16 Days of Activism' event in Fairfield.

Ms McKay said from next year the NSW Government would make the first week of June 'Stop Domestic Violence Week' in a further effort to raise community awareness.

"Official reports show one in three women are physically assaulted in their lifetime," Ms McKay said.

"Initiatives like White Ribbon Day on 25 November and the 16 Days of Activism Campaign - which runs until World Human Rights Day on 10 December - focus community awareness and can help stop the cycle of domestic and family violence.

"To mark these important events in 2011, I am pleased to announce that 67 Local Domestic Violence Committees across NSW will receive funding of \$1,000 each to run activities and events during White Ribbon Day and 16 Days of Activism," Ms McKay said.

Mr Tripodi welcomed the funding and said initiatives that focus on community awareness and prevention can help stop the cycle of domestic and family violence.

"The Fairfield Domestic Violence Committee will be using their \$1000 in NSW Government funding to provide local training and to continue to support White Ribbon Day and Stop Domestic Violence Day."

Ms McKay said the huge community response to White Ribbon Day and the Sixteen Days of Activism this year illustrates how public campaigns can inspire grassroots awareness-raising activities on this issue.

"We undertook extensive consultation during the development of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan and we heard the community's message that we need to keep attention focused on the scourge of domestic and family violence throughout the year."

"Stop Domestic Violence Week will start in June next year and will focus on awareness-raising about domestic and family violence, with an emphasis on activities that aim to prevent violence against women and mitigate its effects.

"It is an important commitment under the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.

"Stop Domestic Violence Week will incorporate educational and awareness-raising forums with diverse communities around NSW to enhance the capacity of communities to identify domestic violence and develop local solutions to it." Ms McKay said.

*For a full list of local grants awarded, visit the Office for Women's Policy on [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au)*

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