

## Community Engagement

We develop and support a range of projects and initiatives to resource and strengthen the local community and ensure that concerns of women in the local area are heard and responded to.

Community Development emphasises self and collective empowerment, mutual support, shared community pride and the development of leadership and neighbourhood capacities for problem-solving.

### Aims

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Influence and create positive change for women and children through effectively collaborating with sector stakeholders

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Establish and facilitate collaborative, innovative and workable partnerships with community partners to enhance and integrate service provision at a local level.

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Encourage co-operative work practices and facilitate innovative approaches to issues of common concern within the community sector;

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Plan, prepare and deliver education and training packages to women.

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Coordinate, manage and organise workshops and/or events aiming to increase levels of participation and communication between women and their communities.

### Current projects

Group work: developing new group work programs and workshops including Women's Health and Wellbeing and Skills Development.

WASH Cycle: coordinating WASH House quarterly newsletter

Current events being coordinated or supported

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International Women's Day

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children

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One Billion Rising

- Mt Druitt and District Reconciliation Group Women's Project

- Harmony Day

- 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women

Current interagency activities

- Blacktown Combined Interagency

- New and Emerging Communities

- Outer West Domestic Violence Network

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