

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 5

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE HUNTER



### EQUAL FUTURES PROJECT

The Equal Futures Project (EFP) raises awareness of inequality in Hunter workplaces, homes and communities. EFP runs the Hunter International Women's Day Breakfast and Hunter Diversity Awards events, which raise awareness of diversity and inclusion.

### WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE (UON)

The Women in Leadership Program is an important leadership capability program and forms a part of the University's suite of leadership development initiatives. The program runs in alignment with the University of Newcastle's Workforce Gender Equity Plan, where increasing the number of women in Senior and Leadership roles is a priority area and the University's Looking Ahead Strategic Plan, Inspiring People Strategy. The program has been running since 2014. The purpose of the program is to further develop Senior Academic and Professional women's leadership skills, knowledge and confidence, as well as increasing their opportunity to participate in positions of leadership.

### NUSA QUEER COLLECTIVE

The University of Newcastle Queer Collective is the University's autonomous representative body for LGBTQIA+, queer or questioning students. They are funded, supported and part of the University of Newcastle Students Association (UNSA).

### YACAABA CENTRE

The Yacaaba Centre is an Information and Counselling Service in Port Stephens. Their mission is to provide counselling support, information and advocacy to those who are at imminent risk of homelessness or are homeless within a counselling approach.

### NOVA FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Nova for Women and Children support women who are at risk of homelessness to remain safely in their home. They assist women who are homeless or in crisis to be housed and provide support to maintain safe accommodation. Nova supports women, (with or without children) in Lake Macquarie and the Western suburbs of Newcastle, who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or escaping domestic or family violence.

### GOT YOUR BACK SISTA

As the registered charitable arm of The Sista Code movement, their vision is to see women and their children happy, thriving and living independently after escaping the trauma of domestic violence. As such, Got Your Back Sista offers benevolent relief and support to women and children escaping domestic violence and are at risk of living below the poverty line. They give a hand up for them to begin again and live independently.

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### LIVE FREE PROJECT

LIVEfree Project is a Newcastle based non-for-profit supporting victims of domestic and family violence: from crisis throughout their recovery journey. They offer support for men, women and children who have experienced (or are experiencing) domestic and family violence. They are a team of welcoming, genuine and non-judgemental workers who will journey alongside those who are suffering.

### JENNY'S PLACE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTRE

Since 1977, Jenny's Place has been helping women and children in the Newcastle area to find safety. They help those who are victims of domestic violence or who face homelessness.

### HUNTER WOMEN'S CENTRE

Hunter Women's Centre is a non-government, not-for-profit, community based organisation who provides services to improve the health and well-being of the women in the Hunter. The centre is run by women for women, has been operating for over 40 years and prioritises services for women who are marginalised, experiencing disadvantage or having difficulty in accessing services elsewhere. Staff at the Hunter Women's Centre are experienced and qualified and work from a holistic perspective and considers all aspects of a women's health and well-being.

### NEWCASTLE WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICES (NWDVCAS)

The Newcastle Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (NWDVCAS) is a locally based, independent service. They are a service for women and their children seeking information and help about domestic and family violence and how to get protection from the court. Their specialist workers help Aboriginal women, women from multicultural backgrounds, older women and women with disabilities.

### ZARA'S HOUSE

Zara's House is a place of welcome where refugee women meet Australian women, to share hospitality, ideas, culture, learning and local opportunities.

### RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA – HUNTER

The Hunter Branch of Relationships Australia has been working alongside the Newcastle community for over 30 years. They offer a range of counselling and groupwork services, as well as a Children's Contact Service, and specialist Family and Domestic Violence services. They also run a series of public Relationship Education Programs throughout the year, which can help you learn the skills to build positive, healthy and nurturing relationships with others in your life.