

Lower Hume Family Violence Prevention Network

Members of the Lower Hume Family Violence Prevention Network consist of a number of committed workers from different organisations including Mitchell CHS and volunteers. The aim is to increase community awareness regarding domestic and family violence, as well as providing support to individuals and families.

During the last week in October 2004, we held a number of activities as part of *Week without Violence*. Aimed at educating professionals about what domestic violence is, and the impact that it has on women, men, teenagers and children, activities included an information evening on domestic violence and on services that are available.

The evening included the launches of a wallet sized card with contact details of available Family Violence Services and *Project Envelope*. *Project Envelope* is a joint partnership with local Police whereby Police who respond to domestic violence incidents in the Mitchell and Murrindindi Shires now hand out to those involved an envelope containing brochures of relevant support services.

On Thursday 28th October 2004, we held our *Reclaim the Night/Seymour and Surrounds 'Say No to Violence' Community March*, which was followed by a free BBQ and entertainment. This has been an annual event held in the last week of October. Activities for this event will be advertised in the local press.