

## Organisational Update – July 2019

Zonta House Refuge Association Inc. (Zonta House) has been successful in the Department of Communities tender request for the provision of a Family and Domestic Violence Accommodation and Support Services for an Interim Women's Refuge for 12 months.

This service is contracted under the joint Commonwealth/State funded National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. The 24/7 residential service will provide up to 7 women at risk of family and domestic violence with accommodation and support at any one time. It is expected that the service will accommodate over 100 women a year. This service will be operational from the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2019.

Zonta House has an in depth understanding of the needs, issues and interests of sole women affected by family and domestic violence (FDV) that has been gained from more than 35 years' experience as a specialist provider of FDV services. We have continuously operated Zonta House Women's Refuge since 1984 on a 24/7, 365 day per year model and have directly supported more than 12,500 women from diverse backgrounds during this time. At Zonta House we are focused on delivering high quality, innovative services to prevent and reduce FDV, provide intervention opportunities and support services to assist in the recovery of women and children who have experienced FDV.

As our focus and priority is on the implementation of this service and continuation of support for women in our existing programs, we will not be participating in the upcoming City to Surf.

At Zonta House we rely on the generous community support to provide the comprehensive wrap around care women receive whilst in any of our programs. We thank everyone for their ongoing support and look forward to keeping you updated on how the community can best contribute.

We look forward to this opportunity and to improving the safety and outcomes for women experiencing family and domestic violence through the provision of this contract.



**Kelda Oppermann CEO**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019