

TO MAKE FOOTBALL THE GAME FOR ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIANS

THE CHALLENGE

Australian Rules Football is an integral part of Australian culture. It influences who we are and how we live. Respectful Relationships Sport and Recreation Program identifies sport as a priority area for the prevention of violence against women in Australia. Across the football landscape, we all have a role in creating clubs, teams, workplaces, venues and communities where all women are safe, respected and valued. We acknowledge that our community volunteers have a lot to do with ensuring teams get out on the field to play and we are currently working with our Club Development Team and SportWest to gain the best possible reach to our stakeholders.

THE PLAN

As part of football's commitment to preventing family and domestic violence and building safer communities, WA Football participated in the Respectful Relationships Sport and Recreation Program (RRSRP), a primary prevention initiative of the WA Government. WA Football is also a member of the program's Steering Group, which includes the Departments of Communities, Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport, the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing, and Stopping Family Violence. The Program aims to help State Sporting Associations, sport and recreation-based (youth) programs, and local governments to build their capacity to prevent violence and abusive behaviours by promoting gender equality and respect. WA Football has integrated the RRSRP package across the five key focus areas, Education and Learning, Policy and Practice, Culture, Community Engagement, and Support for Staff and Volunteers.

THE OUTCOME

The resources created through the program now sit on the WA Football website. WA Football internal staff have had the opportunity to view and complete the eLearning education modules, with the intent to promote the package to all external Community Football Stakeholders in 2025. We are committed to continue to work towards preventing family and domestic violence and building safer Australian Rules Football communities.

EXTRA INFORMATION

Click here to find out more about the [Respectful Relationships Sport and Recreation Program](#).

Support is available if you or someone you know if experiencing family and domestic violence. Click here: [Family and domestic violence helplines and support services](#)

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