

FRIENDS OF STARICK NEWSLETTER

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HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

Treat the special mum in your life to high tea at the beautiful Pagoda Ballroom on Saturday 13 May, the day before Mother's Day.

We are delighted that the Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, will give a brief address on her vision and priorities for this brand new portfolio.

Monies raised will be used to fund our "Lived Experience" program, which mentors women to share their experiences of domestic violence with the community. One of our "Lived Experience" graduates will also speak at the event.

If you fancy a glass of bubbles, the bar will be open. Plus raffles, auctions and more.

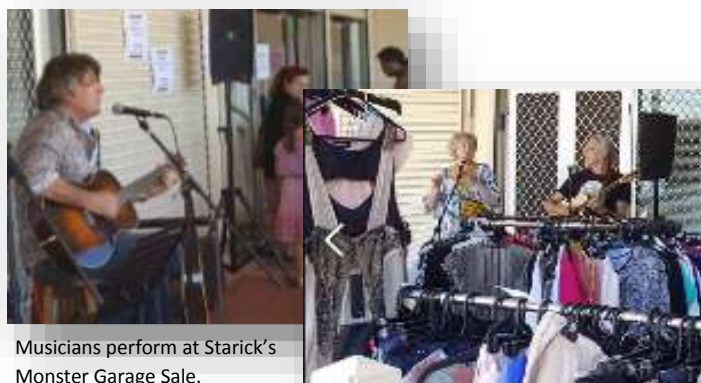
Tickets cost \$65 and include a range of sweet and savoury fare, quality teas, coffee and live entertainment from jazz-folk trio Jane and the Rain.

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE FOR BELMONT POLICE STATION

Starick's three domestic violence advocates (DVAs) are based at police stations, working closely with the police and providing support with court and legal processes to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

Annually, Starick's DVAs assist well over 1,000 families in Perth's eastern corridor.

Our DVAs have worked from Cannington and Armadale police stations for many years, but late last year Belmont City Council agreed to fund a new position at the Belmont police station, where Jodie Richardson (pictured right) has been employed as DVA.



Musicians perform at Starick's Monster Garage Sale.

GARAGE SALE SUCCESS

Our February Monster Garage Sale at the op shop was a great success.

Featuring live music, a sausage sizzle and bargains galore, the event raised over \$1500, which will help fund programs for women escaping domestic violence.

The op shop is open Mon-Fri 10 am-3 pm and is located at 9 Love Street, Cloverdale.

ASCOT ROTARY DONATES VEHICLES

Ascot Rotary Club President Mike Bermann visited our office recently to hand over the keys to a brand new Toyota Yaris, the first of two vehicles donated to Starick by Ascot Rotary.

Both vehicles are being used by our staff to deliver Starick's newest outreach program, "Safe at Home".

This involves visiting women in their homes after a reported incident of domestic violence and assisting them to enhance safety, through practical security measures and other forms of support.

Pictured with Mike are Starick staff members – from left to right, CEO Leanne Barron, Finance Manager Francine Trovarello and Manager of Outreach Services Kathleen Brand.



In March, Starick ran a series of self defence classes for clients and the general public as part of its "Strong Women" initiative, with funding from the City of Gosnells Community Sponsorship program. The women-only classes, all held in Maddington, were a great success. Feedback from the women in our refuges was that they enjoyed the classes, felt more confident and learned new skills.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week happens from 8 to 14 May, and Starick has received a grant from Volunteering WA to help celebrate. We are using the funds to treat our team of hard-working volunteers to high tea at the Pagoda Ballroom on 13 May (see event details overleaf).

Pictured left: The team at Volunteering WA's Perth office.

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

The International Clothesline Project is a visual display of t-shirts designed by women survivors, with messages and illustrations to increase awareness of the impact of family and domestic violence against women and children. Here at Starick, the Clothesline Project is run on a monthly basis and the t-shirts help celebrate women's strength and courage to overcome the past. Clients at this creative workshop are encouraged to design their own t-shirts in a relaxed, supported environment.



One of the t-shirt designs created as part of the Clothesline Project.