

# THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO FAMILY VIOLENCE

## Q&A with the champions of family violence reform

Please join us for a Q&A panel discussion on the proposed recommendations and outcomes of the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Our high profile panellists have been advocating for significant reform in the family violence space and they join us to share their thoughts on the Royal Commission.

In 2015, the VWL's Justice Committee is focussing on family violence. This panel discussion is the last in a series of events focussing on family violence and giving it the attention it deserves

### DATE

Thursday 29 October 2015

### TIME

5:30pm: Registration and light refreshments

6:00pm: Q&A Panel Discussion

### LOCATION

LOGIE-SMITH LANYON LAWYERS  
Level 12, 575 Bourke Street  
Melbourne, Victoria

### COST

\$5 VWL members  
\$10 Non-members

All money will be donated to the Luke Batty Foundation

### REGISTRATION

[www.vwl.asn.au/events](http://www.vwl.asn.au/events)

### PANELLISTS:



#### ROSIE BATTY

Family violence campaigner Rosie Batty is the 2015 Australian of the Year and the Pride of Australia's National Courage Medal recipient.

Rosie is a leader in the crusade against domestic violence and has turned her personal tragedy into a fight to help others. Rosie's name became synonymous with the words courage and resilience. Only hours after her son's life was tragically taken, Rosie gave voice to many thousands of victims of domestic violence who had until then remained unheard.



#### ROB HULLS

As Attorney-General, Rob instigated significant changes to Victoria's legal system which saw the establishment of the state's first Charter of Human Rights and reform to Victoria's Upper House. He established special courts in Victoria including for Victoria's indigenous community, for people with mental health issues, and for victims of family violence. He also opened up the process for the appointment of people to Victoria's judiciary. In October 2012 Rob was appointed Adjunct Professor at RMIT and was invited to establish the new Centre for Innovative Justice as its inaugural Director.



#### KAYE SWANTON

Kaye is currently deputy chairperson of Violence Free Families. She has a 25-year history in governance, strategic management and business development, and has previously served on the management committee of No To Violence. Kaye is a passionate advocate for social justice, equality and family violence prevention and played a leading part in the design and development of Violence Free Families' innovative Online Men's Behavior Change Program.



#### LUKE ABLETT

Luke played 133 games for the Sydney Swans Football Club between 2002 and 2009, including the 2005 Premiership. Since retiring, Luke has completed a Bachelor of Arts at RMIT and is currently enrolled in a Masters of Gender and Development at Australian National University. Luke worked with the AFL's Respect and Responsibility program between 2010 and 2013 and has developed several other initiatives in Australia and parts of the Pacific, including a respectful relationships program in conjunction with the Australian Red Cross, for young boys and men in sport.



#### MODERATOR: JOCELYN BIGNOLD

Jocelyn Bignold has over 25 years experience in community development, policy development, management and advocacy. Jocelyn is the CEO of McAuley Community Services for Women, an organisation which provides support, advocacy and accommodation for women and their children who are experiencing homelessness, primarily as a result of family violence or mental illness.

Do you have a question for our panel? Send an email to [vwl@liv.as.au](mailto:vwl@liv.as.au)