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### **LOCAL GRANTS HELP TACKLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Coastal walks, candlelight vigils and a coffee club are just some of the grass-roots projects the NSW Government is funding to empower local communities to take a stand against domestic and family violence.

Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Mark Speakman said the Local Domestic and Family Violence Committee Grants program is supporting initiatives across the state.

“Preventing domestic violence begins with being informed, which is why we are investing in projects that bring attention to the issue. We all have a role in addressing the culture that allows violence to occur, so victims and survivors feel safe and supported,” Mr Speakman said.

The NSW Government has committed more than \$1 million to the grants program since it started in 2007 and a record \$431 million investment over four years to better protect victims and hold perpetrators to account.

The program provides grants to domestic violence committees, which can include representatives from the NSW Police Force, the Department of Communities and Justice, non-government organisations, local councils and community members.

The committees meet regularly to discuss how the community can improve the way it responds to domestic violence.

“Local knowledge means these committees are well placed to tailor events and campaigns that have a major impact in driving down domestic violence rates,” Mr Speakman said.

“The projects get local residents talking about what domestic violence is, why they should report it and how to help victims who may be suffering in silence.”

The latest round of grants has provided up to \$1,200 to 34 committees in Sydney and regional NSW from Parkes to Port Stephens and Broken Hill to Bega and Blacktown.

Funding can support specific events such as 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, International Women’s Day and Reclaim the Night, as well as social media campaigns, community forums and education workshops.

For further information, visit: <https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/commissioning/domestic-and-family-violence-committee-grants>.