Thank you for participating!

The weave team thanks you for your contribution to this world first project about women’s relationships and health. We appreciate the time and effort you have put in so far, and look forward to working with you in the future!

Project update

You are one of around 4000 women who completed our survey about women’s health. We are pleased with the interest both GPs and women have shown in this important area.

So far, 40 GPs and many women who attend their practices are participating in the weave project. The women are from various areas in Victoria (pictured in map) and their ages range from 18 years to 50.

The GPs involved include female and male GPs of varying ages from both solo and group practices, urban and rural locations (see map pictured).

The one thing these GPs all have in common is an interest in learning more about women’s emotional well-being, in order to provide better care for the women attending their practices.

So far we have trained 12 GPs in women’s health. Women from these practices have started attending sessions with their GP. We will be training more GPs in future.

We are pleased that you chose to be involved with this important project as your contribution via surveys is immensely important to us.

weave women say

The following comments are from women like you, who are involved in the weave study.

“I feel better knowing that there are people who are trying to make things better for women who are in a similar situation as myself.”

“I’m really excited to be a part of this project and really happy to see my GP involved.”

“I am grateful to be a participant in the weave project. Thank you for this opportunity.”

Want to have your say?

If you have any comments or news you would like to share with other weave newsletter readers, you can email Anneliese at weave-team@unimelb.edu.au.
The Victorian Government has introduced new laws relating to family violence — *The Family Violence Protection Act 2008*, which came into effect on the 8th of December, 2008. This replaced the Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987.

The new laws broaden the definition of family violence to include economic and emotional abuse, as well as other types of threatening or controlling behaviour.

The new Family Violence Protection Act aims to better protect the community, especially women and children and make those responsible more accountable for their actions.

In addition, the new Act:

- Gives police more powers to enable them to respond more quickly and effectively to people in need.
- Makes it easier for victims to adjust tenancy arrangements so that they may remain in their homes if they choose to do so.
- Improves the court system to encourage reporting by victims, including for example, restricting perpetrators from cross-examining their victims.


To coincide with the introduction of the new Family Violence Protection Act, the Victorian Government also launched a community education campaign, "Family violence. Victoria has had enough".

This campaign aims to raise awareness of the new laws and educate people about their rights. People experiencing any type of abuse — emotional, financial or physical have a right to get support and help when they need it.

The campaign includes radio advertisements, posters (pictured on this newsletter) and fact sheets. There is also a facebook cause page which lets you leave your comments and view other people’s comments ([http://www.facebook.com/pages/ENOUGH-Family-Violence-Victoria-has-had-enough/38829022774](http://www.facebook.com/pages/ENOUGH-Family-Violence-Victoria-has-had-enough/38829022774)).


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