

# Media Release

## The Hon Ros Spence MP

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Minister for Community Sport

Minister for Youth



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## THE ORANGE DOOR NETWORK OPEN IN HORSHAM

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring women and families across Victoria's west have access to family violence and child and family wellbeing services, with the opening of the Orange Door Network in the Wimmera.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence today officially opened The Orange Door Network in Horsham, ensuring people across the region have access to the support they need, close to home.

The Orange Door Network is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence, and families needing support with their wellbeing and development of their children.

It brings together services from specialist family violence, men's, Aboriginal and child and family services to provide coordinated support, including crisis assistance and support, risk assessments, safety planning, wellbeing support as well as community-based services.

Wimmera South-West hosts two primary sites, one in Horsham and another in Warrnambool which opened in October 2021.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with more than \$3.7 billion invested since the Royal Commission into Family Violence – more than every other state and territory combined.

Since 2018, the Orange Door Network – a key recommendation of the landmark Royal Commission into Family Violence – has assisted more than 238,000 people, including 95,000 children statewide.

The Australian-first initiative is now operating in 15 areas across the state, with the remaining networks in Brimbank Melton and Western Melbourne to be opened by the end of the year.

The Orange Door Network in Wimmera South-West is being delivered in partnership with Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative, Grampians Community Health and Uniting.

It will be open from 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. For more information call 1800 271 045 or visit [orangedoor.vic.gov.au](https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

*"We haven't wasted a moment pushing ahead with our vital family reforms – including the expansion of the Orange Door Network in the state's west, which will provide much needed support for those who need it, closer to home."*

*"When experiencing family violence, reaching out for help can be the hardest thing to do and we're making sure accessing advice and support is as easy as possible, no matter where you live."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford

*"This Orange Door will make a huge difference for women and families in the region – ensuring they can access the family violence and wellbeing support they need, when they need it – close to home."*