



# Media Alert

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## Media Event

### Fixing failures to reduce Aboriginal family violence

On the eve of White Ribbon Day, The Healing Foundation will launch a report which highlights current failures and outlines a new framework to reduce family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Aboriginal women in Victoria are 45 times more likely to suffer family violence than other women and 10 times more likely to die as a result of that abuse.

The new report, developed with the support of White Ribbon Australia, shows how an urgent overhaul of services can turn around escalating trends, by tackling the unique factors driving violent behaviours.

As a result of one program featured in the report, there has been a 50% drop in the number of men registered with Correctional Services and a significant fall in violence, with women reporting that they feel safer in their homes.

*Recent footage from programs with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and boys, examined as part of the research project, will be available to media.*

**When: 10.30am, 24 November 2017**

**Where: Dardi Munwurro's Melbourne office  
Level 2 Victoria Park Community Centre  
Corner of Lulie and Abbot Streets, Abbotsford**

*The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to heal trauma caused by the widespread and deliberate disruption of populations, cultures and languages over more than 200 years. This includes specific actions like the forced removal of children from their families.*

*Dardi Munwurro equips Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to become leaders, role models and mentors within communities*

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