

Make a Donation

Much of our fundraising comes from generous individuals and community groups who donate their time or money to help our cause.

To maintain the high quality of our community services, it is vital for us to run fundraising and support programs. Tax-deductible donations are another way of enabling us to continue serving the Burdekin community with excellence.

Every donor is treated with confidentiality and we have strict policies in place to ensure details remain private. We are grateful for all the support we receive and will never ask our supporters for more assistance than they are able to offer. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Donate by Direct Deposit

To donate by direct deposit please use the following details:

Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB No.: 633-000
Account Number: 126387638
Account Name: Burdekin Community Inc. Statement Account

Donate by Cheque or Cash

To donate by cheque or cash please complete the following Donation Form and send it to BCA.

DONATION FORM

Burdekin Community Association Inc.
PO Box 815, AYR QLD 4807

Please find attached a donation of \$.....

Please send a receipt to:

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone Number:.....

If donating by Cheque (*Please make cheques payable to Burdekin Community Association*).

Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. Your donation will be returned to the Burdekin community.

Thank you for supporting BCA

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Burdekin Community Association

Helping to stop abuse or violence in the home and fighting for a fairer and safer community by providing:

- ◆ Information
- ◆ Referrals
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Education

For further information please contact:

Burdekin Community Association Inc.

The Support Centre
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Domestic Violence

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what YOU can do about it

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is more than just hitting.

It can be any of the following:

- ♦ **Physical abuse** such as pushing, shoving, slapping, hitting, punching, biting or pinching, pulling hair
- ♦ **Threatening** to hurt you, your relatives, friends or work colleagues in some way
- ♦ **Depriving** you of the necessities of life such as food, shelter, medical care, restricting contact with friends and family
- ♦ **Forcing** you to have sex or participate in unwanted sexual acts
- ♦ **Damaging property** such as furniture, the house or pets
- ♦ **Harassing** you by following you in public by car or on foot, staying outside your house or workplace or repeatedly telephoning your home or workplace without your consent
- ♦ **Elder Abuse** any of the above towards the elderly by siblings, children or carers.

Both men and women can be victims of domestic violence.

Why does it occur?

There is no single reason for domestic violence.

We have found many ways to excuse abuse - work pressures, family stress, financial difficulties, violent upbringing, alcohol and drug use.

Our laws no longer permit abuse against partners.

The underlying reason for violence is the belief that one partner has a right to control the other, through whatever means are available.

The silent victims

Some families live with the threat of violence every day. The children of these relationships are also victims and the effects are terribly damaging and can last a lifetime. Some children who grow up with the abuse often become perpetrators in their own families.

We can arrange specialised counselling for children and young people who have experienced severe family conflict.

What help can BCA provide?

We can help families and individuals who are in abusive situations, regardless of whether they choose to remain in their home or relocate by providing:

- ♦ **Referrals** to a solicitor or legal service (such as NQ Women's Legal Service) for legal assistance or to professional counsellors
- ♦ **Financial** guidance as you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Department of Community Services or Centrelink. We may be able to help in other ways too
- ♦ **Accommodation** help in finding safe, short-term accommodation (if available) and other necessary items if required.
- ♦ **Advocacy** by assisting you with the process of gaining a Domestic Violence Order and support you through any ongoing legal process
- ♦ **Confidentiality** if you simply need to talk to someone who can listen without judging, talk over your options and help you to come to a decision regarding your future or a referral if you need more specialised assistance