

Statement on the alleged murder of Logee (Analyn) Osias

The staff of ARC Justice are, like many others, deeply saddened to learn of the alleged murder of Logee (Analyn) Osias in Bendigo on Sunday night.

As an organisation operating a dedicated family violence service in the Loddon Campaspe and Goulburn Valley regions, we are dismayed that, despite the increased government investment, policy changes and services delivered to prevent and respond to family violence in the 10 years since the Royal Commission into Family Violence, yet another life has been lost. The national crisis of family violence continues, with six women across Australia losing their lives in circumstances of violence by people known to them in the past ten days. Countless others will have experienced family violence within the same period, impacting not only the victim-survivor, but their families, especially their children, and the community at large.

At ARC Justice, we believe it is possible to live in a society without gendered violence and we work towards that every day. Unfortunately, to reach that place, a lot more work needs to be done.

In times of such sadness and frustration it is important to remember that there are services committed to helping people experiencing family violence find safety, recovery, and healing. Organisations such as ours have expertly trained staff to help people understand their legal rights.

We can help people with their applications for a family violence intervention order. We encourage people participating in the process or contemplating their options for safety, to come to us and to speak confidentially with a free lawyer.

If you need to access a court, the Bendigo and Shepparton Specialist Family Violence Courts have safe entries, waiting rooms and access to services – including our legal teams.

Family violence raises many complex issues, and we can help with both the legal issues, especially relating to the care of children and security of housing both rented and owned and support to access related services which can help with the other issues. We want people who are experiencing family violence to know that they are not alone, and that advice, support and help is available

ARC Justice, along with its partner organisations in the region, including Centre for Non-Violence, Safe Steps and The Orange Door, are committed to working together and with the community to continue to tackle this scourge on our society so that all people can feel safe and be free from harm within their homes.

Call ARC Justice on 1800 450 909 (Loddon Campaspe) or 1800 310 900 (Shepparton) for free, confidential legal advice. We are also available to support people seeking an intervention order at 10 Magistrates' Courts across central and northern Victoria.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing family violence, or you are concerned about your behaviour towards your family, please seek help.

In any emergency call: 000

Centre for Non-Violence: (Free Call) 1800 884 292

The Orange Door Loddon: (Free Call) 1800 512 359

Safe Steps: (24/7 Statewide Service) 1800 015 188

Centre Against Sexual Assault Central Victoria: (03) 5441 0431

For legal support, please contact ARC Justice on 1800 450 909