



MEDIA STATEMENT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 24, 2024

ARC Justice statement about the death of 49-year-old Cobram woman

ARC Justice is deeply saddened and disturbed by news of the death of a 49-year-old woman in Cobram on Tuesday, which serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need to address and end violence against women.

As an organisation that operates a dedicated family violence service and represents victim-survivors in court across the Goulburn Valley, we mourn the loss of the community member, who is yet to be identified.

According to media reports, a 39-year-old Cobram man believed to be known to the woman has been arrested.

Violence against women by men is a scourge that affects individuals, families and entire communities. The woman's death reveals how much work still needs to be done. We must come together to condemn such acts and work towards creating a safer community.

As a community legal centre committed to justice and equality, we want to remind everyone in Cobram and the surrounding areas that free legal help and support are available.

No one should have to endure violence or live in fear. ARC Justice is here to provide help, guidance and resources to those affected by family violence or seeking legal protection through our place-based services.

Our team of experienced legal professionals is dedicated to helping individuals navigate their legal rights and options safely and confidentially. Whether you need information on intervention orders, legal protections or support services, we are here to help.

Together, we must stand against all forms of violence and strive to build a community where everyone feels safe, respected and valued. Let's work hand in hand to create a future where tragedies like this one are prevented, and where every individual can live without fear.

Community members can contact the Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre based in Shepparton on (03) 5831 0900.

**** If required, please attribute to ARC Justice CEO Damian Stock***

About ARC Justice

ARC Justice is a rights-based, for-purpose organisation incorporating the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre and Housing Justice based in Bendigo and the Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre based in Shepparton. ARC provides legal and tenancy support services across 13 local government areas in central and northern Victoria, with a team of 54 staff working to advocate for and uphold the rights of rural and regional Victorians.

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