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## **From the edge to safety: ARC Justice releases 2025 Impact Report**

[April](#)\* fled home with her children. She was confused. Traumatized. Unsure who to trust or where to go next.

[Lydia](#)\* finally had a roof over her head. A small unit. Four bare walls. No bed. No fridge. No table. No money left. The stress tipped into despair. She didn't think she could keep going.

[Lois](#)\* is an older woman. She was told to leave the home she had been renting. At her age, with nowhere else lined up, the fear was heavy and constant.

None of them thought they were strong. All of them were at breaking point.

Today, April and her children are safe, Lydia has a home she can live in and Lois and her husband Harry are no longer facing eviction.

All three were helped by ARC Justice in the last 12 months. And their stories sit at the centre of [ARC Justice's 2025 Impact Report](#), released this week. It's the organisation's second digital-only impact report and tells the story of justice through people, not paperwork.

Over the past year, ARC Justice helped 7196 people across regional and rural Victoria and delivered 9245 services. Seventy-one per cent of clients were women.

Clients included older people facing eviction, parents escaping violence, young people in crisis and workers under sudden financial pressure.

People sought help from across the region, from larger centres to small towns. Many were dealing with more than one problem at once, such as housing stress tied up with debt, violence, illness or job loss.

The organisation also took part in 770 community activities, reaching people early with legal information and support before problems spiralled.

The report captures the scale of legal and social need across regional Victoria and the role local, place-based support plays in keeping people safe, housed and connected as living costs rise, housing tightens and climate risk grows.

The full 2025 Impact Report is available at <https://impact2025.arcjustice.org.au/>

\*Names changed

### **About ARC Justice**

ARC Justice is a rights-based, for-purpose organisation incorporating the Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre and Housing Justice, a specialist renter support program 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 close to 70 staff working to advocate for and uphold the rights of rural and regional Victorians.

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