

Subject: 'Community engagement' opportunities with your local Rotary Club

Dear District Officer

I want to bring to your attention a community engagement opportunity which may arise with your local Rotary club in November from their 2023 *Saying NO to Domestic and Family Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships* campaign, that they will leverage off the *16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence* campaign.

Each year, from 25 November to 10 December, the QPS supports the internationally recognised *16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence* campaign. The 25th of November is recognised as the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*. The 16 days concludes on *International Human Rights Day* in drawing attention to violence against women and children being a violation of human rights.

As you may be aware, Rotary is a well-recognised global humanitarian organisation; administering activities throughout the world and local police and Rotary clubs have often come together in community events designed to raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

Recently, the QPS was approached by Rotary Districts 9620, 9640 and 9560 that cover Queensland, Northern NSW and the Northern Territory to consider a formalised partnership.

While there is no formal partnership arrangement with the above Rotary Districts yet, if your local Rotary club reaches out to your station promoting events in November, I ask you to consider them like any other community policing event that your district undertakes.

Rotary clubs mirror many police districts and have a strong community footprint in regional Queensland. I hope your district has an opportunity in November to build on the local Rotary connection to raise awareness of domestic and family violence. Please keep us in the loop and share your good work on the Command's Workplace.

Thank you for leading by example to increase community confidence and influence community attitudes and beliefs around domestic and family violence.

Kind regards,

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