

ANROWS

# Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety

## Who we are

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) is the only research organisation of its kind in Australia, with the ability to both produce and translate research on violence against women into actionable evidence. ANROWS is an initiative of [Australia's National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010–2022](#) and is part of a broader system of organisations and services developed and funded by the Commonwealth and state and territory governments to prevent and respond to violence against women (VAW).

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to influence evidence-based developments in policy and practice design for the prevention of and response to violence against women, and its impacts on their children, nationally.

Every aspect of our work is motivated by the rights of women and children to live free from violence and in safe communities.

## What we do



### Set the national agenda for research on violence against women in Australia

ANROWS leads the development of [Australia's National Research Agenda to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children \(ANRA\) 2020–2022](#) a national framework for, and guidance on, priority areas of research for academics, researchers, funding bodies and governments across Australia. Its aim is to encourage the production of relevant evidence needed for national policy and systems-level practice design in preventing and responding to violence against women and their children, irrespective of the source of funding.



### Build the evidence base in relation to “what works” to reduce and respond to violence against women

ANROWS conducts in-house research and engages Australia's most eminent researchers through commissioned research and partnership projects to build the evidence base. ANROWS has published over 50 research reports on a variety of domestic, family and sexual violence topics, including the drivers and impacts of violence, “what works” to prevent and respond to VAW and the experiences of children and young people, culturally and linguistically diverse and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. ANROWS also runs the periodic *National Community Attitudes towards Violence Against Women Survey* (NCAS), a key measure of progress on VAW and gender equality in Australia. [You can access all of these reports through our website.](#)



### Translate, disseminate and promote knowledge on violence against women

To ensure that everyone has access to the latest research evidence, ANROWS develops a variety of resources including research syntheses, policy briefs and fact sheets. ANROWS also produces accessible versions of publications to support people with low or no vision to access the evidence. A key strength of ANROWS is our ability to support the translation of evidence into practice through initiatives such as [WorkUP Queensland](#), a partnership project which is building workforce capacity across sexual violence, women's health and DFV services. You can access this translation work through the [resources page of our website.](#)

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### Develop evaluation capacity among violence against women service practitioners

**ANROWS supports a range of organisations to develop practice-based evidence of “what works” in preventing and responding to family violence and VAW within their own work.** ANROWS has provided expert advice on the evaluation of VAW programs and initiatives to a range of government and non-government clients across Australia. You can find out more about these efforts on [the action research and evaluation page of our website](#).



### Lead the national discussion and provide authoritative commentary on violence against women

ANROWS works with stakeholders, including policymakers and peak bodies in the VAW service sector, to communicate the implications for policy and practice emerging from the growing evidence base. We use a variety of strategies to influence national policy and practice including forums, webinars, submissions to inquiries and the publication of our fortnightly e-newsletter, *Notepad*. To find out about upcoming activities, you can [subscribe to Notepad on our website](#).



### Build strong relationships across the violence against women sector

**ANROWS maintains a strong, national network of relationships with researchers, universities, practitioners and policymakers.** As a result, ANROWS is a unique central point of access to expertise across Australia in VAW and family violence. Our key strength is our ability to work effectively with Government in the development of research. This includes maintaining a network of National Plan Senior Officials (NPSOs) – policymakers who have key responsibility for policy on women’s safety across all Australian jurisdictions – to ensure the greatest likelihood of evidence uptake.

## The ANROWS conceptual model

This model sets out ANROWS’s four core intersecting functions to achieve our goal: high-quality research evidence applied to policy and practice to prevent and respond to violence against women and children.



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