

## **MEDIA RELEASE 8/9/14**

### **A National Emergency has been declared**

**'ONE in three women suffer physical abuse. One in five are sexually assaulted. One woman is killed every week by their partner or former partner.**

THESE are the national statistics driving the Our Watch foundation and the national campaign announced on Friday that aims to change attitudes to domestic violence (DV).'

South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill called violence against women a "national emergency" at the relaunch in Sydney.

Adelaide businesses are taking the lead – Introducing, DV SnapShots. A series of professional conferences and seminars that bring people together to educate, inform and raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

"It's everybody responsibility - Be part of the change" - Once a hidden crime, domestic violence has in recent years emerged as a mainstream criminal justice issue in Australia.

A young non for profit, WIN - Inspire, Empower Transform Inc founded by Lorelle Molde in partnership with a team of passionate Adelaide businesses are calling Non Government Organizations, Business – big or small and on the Government of the day to partner. 'Small actions by lots of people equals big change'.

The inaugural DV SnapShots – Lifting the Lid Conference on 17-18 October 2014 will highlight the ongoing impact that domestic and family violence has on an individual and the community as a whole.

Supported by White Ribbon South Australia the community will build on current initiatives in order to attract professionals and community members, gain media exposure and raise further awareness nationwide while protecting an individual's human rights.

The conference is a part of the upcoming Changemaker Festival - Australia's National Festival of Social Change.

Changemakers is a celebration of great work happening in Australia, an exploration of the ideas, people, and technologies driving change, and an invitation for change - or everyone to get involved in creating a better future. Delegates, professionals and society 'heroes' will unpack the extent of the after-effects of domestic violence of 10 distinct sectors where DV appears to be the underlying cause of social health and welfare issues for a significant proportion of their client base, whether disclosed or not.

Join the conversation and participate in workshops that will provide the opportunity to communicate views, debate opinions and develop innovative solutions to make a difference in SA. The objective of the 2 day event is to Change – Educate – Celebrate, the event will stimulate innovative ideas and strengthen connections. For program and ticket information visit [www.dvsnapshots.org](http://www.dvsnapshots.org)

To support the conference contact the Media Co-ordinator. To volunteer, register at our website.

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