

SI Adelaide April meeting

Every year as we formulate our program, we reflect on the wonderful speakers we've enjoyed during the current year and wonder what the coming year will hold. Bit by bit it all comes together and we find we've filled another program of incredibly interesting speakers.

In April Debra Spizzo from the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service, addressed our club.

Here's a link to their web page.

<http://www.victimsa.org/womens-domestic-violence-court-assistance-service>

Debra started her working life as a Registered Nurse and Midwife and then completed a Bachelor of Law and Legal Practice. She has wide experience in the law, including Family Law and representing Victims of Crime seeking compensation.

In 2015 she volunteered time to Victim Support Services and together with Julian Roffe, CEO, obtained funding to set up the WDVCA in June 2015.

This is yet another positive result from the tragic death of Zahra Abrahamzadeh.



DEBRA AND DONNA

The service is delivered by Victim Support Service (VSS) and assists victims of family and domestic abuse to navigate through legal matters regarding Intervention Orders. It's a free, confidential service and one can imagine, a great support to women going through the court process.

Lawyers provide support and advocate on behalf of women who need help to apply for an Intervention Order, vary an existing Order or raise safety concerns. It's a statewide service, supporting women and children, in both the city and the country.

As Debra spoke, we could feel her passion and commitment for her work. Yet another truly dedicated woman, giving her skills and experience, supporting other women as they struggle to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

Initial funding for this service is for 2 years.