



Eastern Elder Abuse Network 2020

EEAN membership meetings (all members)

Wed 18 March & Wed 23 September (venue tbc)

9:30am - 11:30am



Eastern Community Legal Centre acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

Prevention Working Group

Meets quarterly on Thursday

5 March	9:30am - 12:30pm	Lilydale Police
4 June	9:30am - 11:00am	Whitehorse Council
3 September	9:30am - 11:00am	EDVOS, Ringwood
26 November	9:30am - 11:00am	TBC

Meeting Chair: Jill Exon, ECLC

WEAAD Working Group

Meets on a Thursday

6 February	2 & 17 April	2 July
20 February	7 May	4 September
5 March	4 June	5 November

Venue: Manningham Council | Time tbc

Meeting Chair: Richard Joseph, Maroondah City Council

Response Working Group

Meets quarterly on Thursday

12 March	9:30am - 12:30pm	Lilydale Police
4 June	11:00am - 12:30pm	Whitehorse Council
3 September	11:00am - 12:30pm	EDVOS, Ringwood
26 November	11:00am - 12:30pm	TBC

Meeting Chair: Shahaan Murray, ECLC

The Eastern Elder Abuse Network (EEAN) was established in 2010 and has since grown to a membership of over 150 people. This includes broad representation from over 50 member organisations, some including: Local Government, Community Health, Legal Services, Police, Aged Care, Hospital, Women's Health, Primary Care Partnerships, State and Government Departments, Family Violence, Finance, Ethno-specific and Multicultural Agencies, and other specialist services/organisations.

Over time, the Network has grown and evolved with strong support and expertise of partner organisations. In late 2019, the EEAN was restructured under the guidance and recommendation of the Eastern Elder Abuse Committee. The purpose was to strengthen the Network and provide a more strategic approach to working across the spectrum of primary prevention, early intervention and response.

While the whole of EEAN will continue to meet biannually, members are invited to participate in a working group most relevant to organisational priorities and key interests.

If you would like to find out more about the EEAN, or are interested in joining a working group, please contact: Jill Exon, Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator at jille@eclc.org.au or (03) 79626235

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Meeting twice a year, the EEAN is a chance to network, build capacity, share information, advocate and hear updates from the working groups.



Primary Prevention Working Group

The focus of this Working Group is primary prevention, which is about stopping abuse *before* it occurs. It considers whole-of-population initiatives that address underlying causes or drivers of the abuse of older people, such as ageism.

The ultimate goal is to shift social norms, attitudes, behaviours and harmful social structures to create a "world where older people are safe, valued and respected. Where their contribution is celebrated."

Possible Activities:

To establish a shared understanding of primary prevention of elder abuse

Building on the evidence from the OPERA project, finalise a Table of Primary Prevention action to address the abuse of older people in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR), with a focus on ageism

Build capacity of the workforce to undertake Primary Prevention



WEAAD Working Group

This Working Group focuses on secondary prevention (early intervention). That is, taking action where there are early signs of abuse and increased risk.

This Working Group is interested in promoting regional approaches in the EMR to raise awareness of elder abuse as part of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD).

Possible Activities:

Consistent, regional messaging for WEAAD
Develop a regional event or campaign to promote WEAAD and increase understanding of elder abuse
Media engagement



Response Working Group

The Response Working Group spans secondary and tertiary prevention (early intervention and response), specifically interventions where someone is at risk of or experiencing abuse (e.g. appropriate information, referral, litigation, police, courts).

Working collaboratively, members of the Working Group consider current response pathways and processes, their effectiveness and challenges, and drive actions for optimum future responses.

Possible activities:

Establish clear, consistent referral pathways for effective, respectful and empowering elder abuse response
Develop key messages for the purpose of consistent community education and advocacy undertaken by members
Develop referral pathway platform for all relevant service providers to access and update
Develop an issues log, including gaps, for discussion and, potentially a coordinated member response