



# PATRICIA GILES CENTRE

Promoting the  
right of women  
and children to  
live free from  
violence

AN AWSOME TEAM TAKING PATRICIA GILES FORWARD TO  
BECOME WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST PROVIDER OF  
FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES.

Our new C.E.O. **Tillie Prowse** joined the Patricia Giles Centre in November 2016. She brought to the position over 25 years of public sector experience gained in both the UK and Western Australia. More important she brought a commitment and passion for the Third Sector and family and domestic violence.

Tillie joins the sector at times of challenges, uncertainty but also opportunity. She is determined the Patricia Giles Centre is well positioned to face these challenges head on and with her Team has embarked on a significant change program (Building our Future) that honours our past while securing our position moving forward.

**Ceri Writer** our Human Resource Manager has diverse experience as a Consultant and senior Human Resource Manager/Director, of almost thirty years of experience in capacity building in the areas of strategic human resources, organisational change, recruitment, corporate governance, industrial relations, learning and development and policy development. Creative and client-focused, Ceri has worked extensively in the WA public sector, the private sector and the not-for-profit sector including the Justice/Corrections, Housing and Community Service industries.

**Vikki Evans**, Finance Manager completes the Team.

Vikki commenced with Patricia Giles in February 2017 and brings over 10 years of professional accounting and financial experience to the role along with a wealth of experience and passion for working in the Third Sector where she has over four years' experience including in Disability and Aged Care. Having graduated with a BA Honours in Accounting and Law and becoming a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, Vikki aligns her accounting business background knowledge with organisational purpose to drive organisational goals and outcomes.

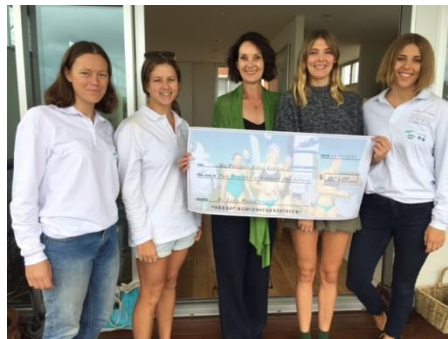




### ROTTNEST SWIM

An amazing group of 4 young women, Jacqueline, Madeleine, Tess and Renea who call themselves the LADY WAHOOS, undertook the Rottnest swim on 25 February to raise funds for the Patricia Giles Centre. They did a fantastic job and along with their paddler Adam completed the crossing with very strong currents and raised over \$2000 for the Centre. The picture below shows them presenting the cheque to our CEO Tillie Prowse.

### **WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!**



### DONATIONS

We are consistently blown away by the generosity of the people and organisations who donate items to Patricia Giles Centre. These donations consist of everything from women and children's clothing, bedding, kitchen ware, footwear, food along with cash donations and furniture.

Many of the women and children who access our services do so at a point of crisis and many arrive with only the bare minimum or no personal belongings.

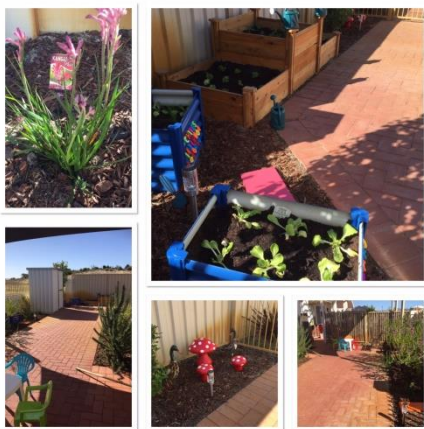
We would like to extend heartfelt thanks for your generosity; it has made a very real and very positive difference for many women and children.



### BUNNINGS MAKE OVER

Staff and Clients at our Rebecca West House would like to thank the team from Bunnings Clarkson (shown above) who did a huge makeover to improve the garden and play facilities (photo below) for the residents of the facility. The Bunnings team worked exceptionally hard on a very hot day and not only donated their time but also all the equipment required.

### **THANK YOU FROM US ALL!!**



### BODY SHOP PAMPER DAY



Staff from the Body Shop very kindly donated their time and products to allow the women who are resident at our refuges a day of pampering. Many of our ladies received hand massages, facials, make up and skin care advice. Everyone who participated really enjoyed being made to feel special. **GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL THANKS**

### FUTURE DONATIONS

Please note our drop off times for donations has changed and we are now accepting donations on

**Monday and Friday mornings between**

**9.00 a.m. and 12 noon**

Items we are currently accepting in good clean condition are:

- women and children's clothing
- bedding, pillows, towels, linen
- kitchen ware but not electrical items

**We are also in need of food donations as our supplies are running low.**

**We very much appreciate your continued support.**



**OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM**  
**SLEEPOUT FOR HOMELESS.**

Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) is the principal cause of homelessness for women and their children.

Every year an unacceptable number of Australian women and children have their lives and housing circumstances disrupted because of FDV – women in this situation are and remain the “hidden” homeless.

This year Tillie, Ceri and Vikki from the Patricia Giles Centre “**SAFE IN OUR BEDS**” Team will be sleeping out on 22 June to raise awareness of the issue and importantly to raise money so that women and children fleeing FDV can sleep safely in their beds tonight and every night. Temperature that night is forecast to be showers with maximum temperature of 18 degrees.

We really need support to raise as much money as possible. For those who would like to donate, or see how we are getting on you can access our site at this link

[www.ceosleepout.org.au/team/safe-in-our-beds-patricia-giles-centre/](http://www.ceosleepout.org.au/team/safe-in-our-beds-patricia-giles-centre/)



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**OUR HISTORY**

- 1989** First refuge opened in Marangaroo.
- 1994** Relocation from Marangaroo to New site in Joondalup. Refuge named Patricia Giles Refuge (three houses able to accommodate 6 families; maximum 21 clients).
- 1996-1999** Nine houses acquired from Department of Housing for use as medium term support housing.
- 1997** Commenced Women’s and Children’s Counselling Services.
- 2006** Damara House Refuge opened (renamed Rebecca West House) with 5 houses able to accommodate 10 families.
- 2010** Housing Support Services and Safe at Home programs commence.
- 2015** Ellenbrook Family Support Services opened. Taking total number of refuges under PGC to three. Awarded 24/7 Lead Agency status responsible for coordinating crisis response across six refuges

**OUR FUTURE**



Please note our **Corporate Services** and some of our operational services will relocate to

**587 Newcastle Street, Leederville, West Perth**

**Tel: 08 6444 7682**

from **1 June 2017**, our new location will afford clients greater choice of where they can receive our services; allow us to deliver group programs on site; and provide a creative working and meeting space for our team and visitors.

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

- 2 x crisis and emergency accommodation (Rebecca West House and Patricia Giles Refuge)
- Support (transitional) Housing
- Children’s Counselling
- Women’s Counselling
- Safe at Home Program
- Housing Support Workers
- Child Advocacy Services
- Lead coordinator of the northern HUB refuge service
- Emergency crisis team located at Mirrabooka Police Station.