



Centre Against
Sexual Violence Inc.

A safe space for women to heal



equity

access

growth

safety

recovery

healing

compassion

empowerment



2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



The Centre Against Sexual Violence (CASV) Inc. humbly acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

CASV proudly work across Quandamooka, Jagera and Yugambah Country and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge any sorry business in our community and recognise sovereignty has never been ceded. Always was and always will be.

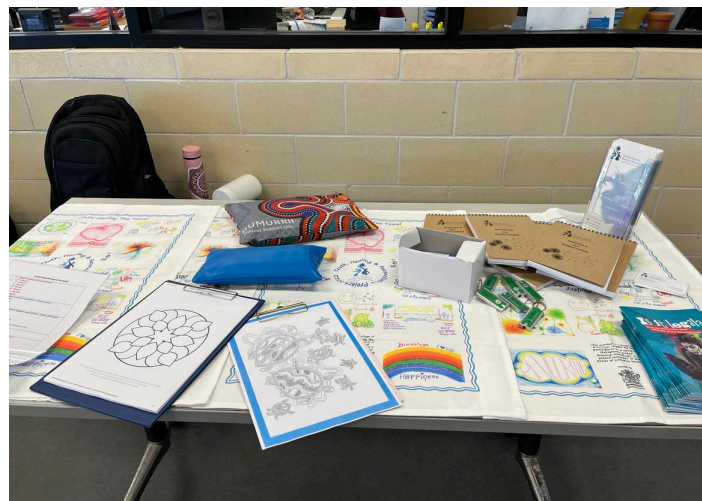
 (07) 3808 3299

 (07) 3808 9900

 admin@casv.org.au

 www.casv.org.au

 facebook.com/casvinc



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As the chairperson for the previous years, I am pleased to present this report, reflecting on CASV's achievements and the collective efforts of the dedicated A Team.

Throughout the year, we have seen significant progress in CASV's initiatives, thanks to the trust and collaboration of every member. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work alongside a team of talented and committed individuals. The diversity and dedication of the A Team have been our greatest strength, allowing us to approach challenges with unique perspectives and innovative solutions.

Our accomplishments over the past year are not just a testament to our hard work but also to the vibrant community we have built. The environment of mutual respect and encouragement has been pivotal in fostering personal and professional growth among our members.

Centre Against Sexual Violence is committed to ending sexual violence against women and their children through healing, education, and prevention. CASV recognises sexual violence as a gender-based crime and is committed to eliminating sexual violence in society. On behalf of the organisation, I thank each and every staff member and volunteer for their dedication and unwavering commitment to the vision and goals of CASV. You are what makes CASV the caring and vibrant organisation we are.

As I conclude my tenure, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support. It has been a remarkable journey, filled with learning and memorable experiences. I am confident that the organisation will continue to thrive and reach new heights in the coming years.

Wishing you all continued success and the very best in all future endeavors.

Tatiana Dumont

MANAGERS REPORT

What an incredible year it has been for CASV! We successfully secured new temporary funding until 2026, enabling us to enhance our services significantly. This year, we received 937 new referrals across both regions, which speaks to the growing demand for our support.

The development of our SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) response and the brief intervention response has strengthened our service delivery. We also welcomed 2 Senior Practitioners and 4 new Counsellors, along with a new finance worker, contributing to our expanding Centre Support team. These additions have brought considerable growth and change to our service.

Thanks to successful grant applications, we expanded our facilities with 3 new offices in both our Logan and Redland locations. This growth supports our commitment to providing comprehensive training, including Love Bites Junior, and allows us to print our Moodle for Survivors books for clients, enhancing our educational resources.

Our focus on building strong relationships with local police, hospitals, councils, and stakeholders has been crucial. Education on sexual assault and prevention is key, and we believe that collaboration is essential for achieving positive outcomes for our clients.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Management Committee for their ongoing support and commitment to CASV. A special thank you to Tatiana for her four years of service as chairperson; we wish her all the best as she leaves the committee.

CASV remains committed to advocating for increased permanent funding to meet the rising demand in the Logan and Redlands regions. The challenges of temporary funding affect job security for staff on contracts and the ongoing support we provide to clients. There is a pressing need for a significant increase in permanent funding, as we face longer waitlists and more complex referrals.

It has been a privilege to be part of the remarkable team at CASV. The commitment and dedication I see in each team member, not only to our clients but also to each other and the community, is truly exceptional. I am honoured to witness such dedication every day.

Thank you all for an amazing year. I look forward to seeing where 2024/2025 takes us! Aimee

COUNSELLORS REPORT

This year we welcomed Jennifer, Yen, Alex and Caroline along with two new students: Riecha and Sohana to be a part of the CASV counselling team. We farewelled our Senior Prac Miranda as she took parental leave and embraced and appreciated two of our long-term counsellors Kate (Redlands) and Katherine (Logan) in taking up the Senior Prac space. Thankyou Miranda for supporting the counselling team. It is an indication of the depth of experience and commitment that we have two current workers willing to support, guide, and to share their energy in the Senior Prac. space. The Counselling team thank the amazing work of our Administration Team in supporting our client work, ensuring the smooth running of the service and the way you establish and help maintain a trauma informed experience for all who access services with CASV.

The ongoing waitlist impacts on both clients and staff heavily as waiting is incongruent with best practice for survivors of sexual assault. One of the biggest challenges to our counselling team is balancing vicarious trauma impacts whilst always ensuring the importance of client centred practice. CASV continues to work smarter in order to balance client demand whilst fine tuning the intake system, brief intervention and the SART model.

Initiatives:

- The unfunded SART pilot model is in its early days and sees a supported transition for survivors who have accessed Queensland Health responses in our catchment area to our support services. Much collaborative work is taking place between Queensland Health, our manager Aimee, Senior Practitioners and our SART worker Amanda. Clients have given consistently appreciative feedback about care provided and their input is being used to fine tune this model.
- Logan counsellor Florence continues to share her creativity through her leadership in developing the Moodle for survivors work book to help survivors with their healing. Thank you to the Diggers Service Club Community Grants for funding the initial printing. We also thank the Redlands City Council for further funding and also funding the new Moodle for Teens currently in development.

- All counselling staff have enjoyed various training to ensure we are best placed to provide support to our expanded client group of Transgender, Nonbinary, Gender Expansive people. We thank QSAN for providing access to training with Dragan Zan Wright and our appreciation to Dragan for all the support and guidance he has given to CASV. Thankyou also to Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence (QTWAV), Billie Stimpson the QTWAV Secretariat for their ongoing consultation and guidance.

Facilitated Group Highlights: Shark Cage prevention program, Drawing for Self-care, Stronger Wiser survivors
Craft based: End of year celebrations.

Training Provided by CASV

First year Griffith university students: supporting survivors.
Yulu Burri Ba Family Well Being Team: consent and mandatory reporting
Tech Savvy Tech Safe: with Redlands city council

National Redress Scheme

CASV has continued to provide support to clients to access the National Redress Scheme. A new law to improve parts of the National Redress Scheme passed the Australian Parliament on 20 March 2024, this is known as the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment Act 2024. The key changes of the Act include: applicants will be able to provide additional information when requesting a review, the circumstances where applicants must undertake a special assessment process will be reduced, finalised applications will be able to be reassessed if a relevant institution later joins the Scheme, people who are incarcerated will be able to lodge an application, the Scheme's protected information framework will be amended to enable the disclosure of protected information in select circumstances and technical aspects of Funder of Last Resort provisions will be improved. We are hopeful that these changes will improve outcomes and broaden access for people wanting to apply to the scheme.

Thank you to the community support we have received and to the trust of people who have reached out for support from CASV.

The Centre Against Sexual Violence would like to thank the
Department of Justice and Attorney General and the
Department of Social Services for funded support in 2023-2024





ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Centre Support Team Highlights: A Year of Growth and Gratitude
Over the past 12 months, the Centre Support Team has achieved significant milestones. We are thrilled to have had Brandy join us for her traineeship placement, adding valuable support to our team. At the same time, we bid farewell to Rachel, who has left CASV after 18 years to embark on a new management role. We wish Rachel all the best in her future endeavours.

A special thank you goes to the Redland City Council for their unwavering support throughout the year. Their generous grant allowed us to renovate our Redlands office, creating three new counselling spaces and providing training for all staff on the Love Bites Junior program. Additionally, the Logan office benefited from a renovation funded by a Gambling Grant, which resulted in two new counselling spaces and a new storeroom. The Centre Support Team remains committed to assisting clients as they begin their counselling journeys. Our team provides crucial referral support over the phone and via email, ensuring clients connect with our exceptional counsellors. We extend our deepest gratitude to our counsellors for their dedication, compassion, and support to both our clients and the team.

As always, the Centre Support Team has been actively involved in a diverse range of initiatives, including organising the annual client Christmas party, preparation work for CASV Annual general meeting, HSQF audits to addressing numerous inquiries related to IT, telecommunications, internet services, and body corporate matters.

Sarah and Rachel have continued their collaboration with Supporters Against Sexual Violence (SASV), who have tirelessly advocated in the Logan community. They have organized roadside vigils, participated in events such as the Reclaim the Night march, and spoken at forums hosted by Soroptimist International. Our heartfelt thanks go to Anne, Rhiannon, Michelle, Lee, Adriana, Cheryl, Julie, and Roana for their dedication and energy.

SASV, along with CASV staff and clients, also participated in QPS consultation days across the Redlands and Logan services. These sessions aimed to improve the process of reporting sexual assault to the police.

As we look forward to the coming year, we remain committed to supporting those who reach out to CASV for assistance with sexual assault. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Julia, Sarah, Yas, Rachel & Brandy

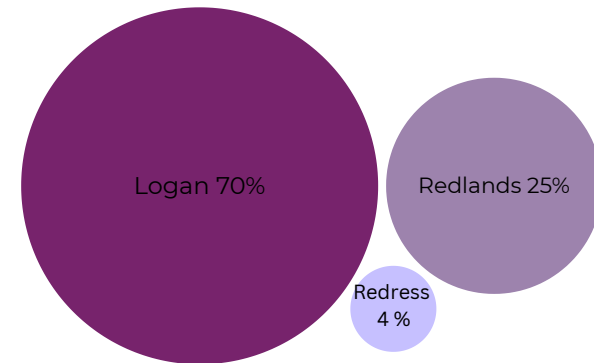
Thank you to the 2023/2024 Management Committee for their commitment and support



Reported to police



Client type



Client Statistics
Financial year

Past assault/Recent assault



I completed my final year Master of Counselling placement at CASV. I began the placement with both excitement and apprehension, especially given the heavy nature of the work. However, I can honestly say my time of CASV was the most valuable aspect of my degree. I was not only supported by my direct supervisor,, but continually supported by the whole team of wonderful people who only wanted to help me succeed. They helped me grow not only as a professional, but as a human as well. The passion and commitment they all have towards making the world a better place for everyone is inspiring. The world needs more people like those at CASV.

Every student completing their placement deserves a place like CASV. One that will hold the space for you to learn, allow you to ask questions and be curious, one that supports you through all the ups and downs. Thanks to CASV, I have gone on to continue working within this heavy, exhausting, truly rewarding area of counselling. Everyone at CASV has helped me feel capable of making change and given me courage to keep striving for a world free of violence. I will be forever grateful that I had the opportunity to start my career with a base built from the principles and strength developed during my time at CASV.

Chantal

2023 STUDENT PLACEMENTS FEEDBACK

Throughout my social work placement with CASV, I have worked in a space that has exceeded my expectations. The culture and community within CASV have been exceptionally supportive, and each practitioner and staff member I have worked with has played a significant role in shaping my journey as a social worker and therapist.

The dedication and passion displayed by you all have been truly inspiring and have motivated me to strive for excellence in my professional development.

In addition to the nurturing and collaborative environment, the learning opportunities provided by the centre have been invaluable. This placement has truly been a transformative experience. It has reaffirmed my passion for social work and ignited a burning desire to advocate for survivors of sexual assault wherever I go.

Mercia

Thankyou and a heart

CASV has been amazing, the whole experience has been incredible and has helped me change my life for the better.



Thumbs up

Thank you very much for the help you have given me. :)

In the many years I have spent with, she has helped me drastically improve my quality of life.

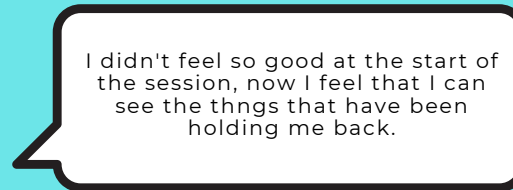
....is amazing. I would be lost without her - & Michael from YFS.

I feel at a standstill in life, that's why everything is in the middle

.... is the kindest and helpful person I have met

Coming to CASV has helped me so much I feel like I must be one of the luckiest people in the world to have found counsellors who are so understanding and genuinely helpful.

2023 -2024 CLIENT TESTIMONY AND FEEDBACK



Awesome team here always supporting. <3

CASV has helped in ways I couldn't managed. Thank you.

Im getting there

Made me feel safe and understand my situation

This has been the most productive counselling I have ever experienced.

Thank you very much for the help you have given me.

Fantastic support! :-)

Very happy with the service and people

Amazing Service is amazing Thank you for everything

Thanks <3 *cat head drawing*

Fantastic service. Thank you :)

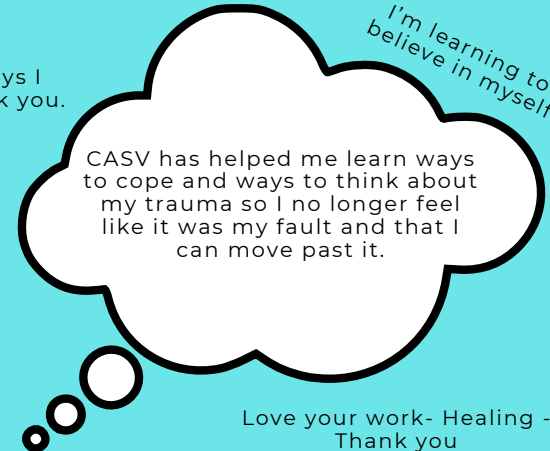
The support and guidance I needed

It has helped me with everything I need

Grateful for the extra time and the things that we discussed.

Slay

I'm learning to believe in myself



Love your work- Healing - Thank you

For Sexual Violence Awareness Month

The perfect answer for some self care and an opportunity to try a new skill, learn how to craft your own bespoke exfoliating body scrubs and lotions. You will create your pampering masterpieces using natural ingredients, some creativity and a whole lot of fun. Morning tea provided!



Self-Care Workshop

join us for this free event!

Friday, 6th October
9:30am
CASV @ Logan
Unit 5/13-21 Mayes Ave,
Logan Central

RSVP 4th Oct
(07) 3808 3299 or email
sarah@casv.org.au

