

AGL Loy Yang jumps on The Elimination of Violence...

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Support: AGL Loy Lang General Manager, Christos van Neikerk taking part in the 'Let's Chat' campaign.

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AGL Loy Yang jumps on The Elimination of Violence Day

THE International Day for The Elimination of Violence Against Women takes place each year on November 25.

The statistics shows that 95 per cent of all victims of violence, regardless of gender, experience violence from a male perpetrator, and one in four women have experienced violence by an intimate partner since the age of 15.

The statistics in the Gippsland region reflect similar trends.

Local artist, PollyannaR, recently established a white backdrop and invited anyone who wanted to be a part of the campaign to have their portraits taken with a message 'what respects means to you' as a public show of support. The project was funded by AGL, the Office for Women, Respect Victoria and Safe and Equal.

On Wednesday, November 29, staff at AGL Loy Yang participated in an event with the backdrop at the mine office and the Station. More than 80 staff turned up to show their support. They received a photo print and a digital one to share with their families and friends.

AGL Loy Yang supported five of the 11 pop-ups as part of Let's Chat - the Gippsland response to the United Nations International 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

AGL Loy Yang General Manager, Christo van Neikerk led the Loy Yang team, encouraging staff to be a part of the campaign.

"We can all play a part to support this campaign," he said.

"Start a conversation with it. Talking about it can make a difference."