

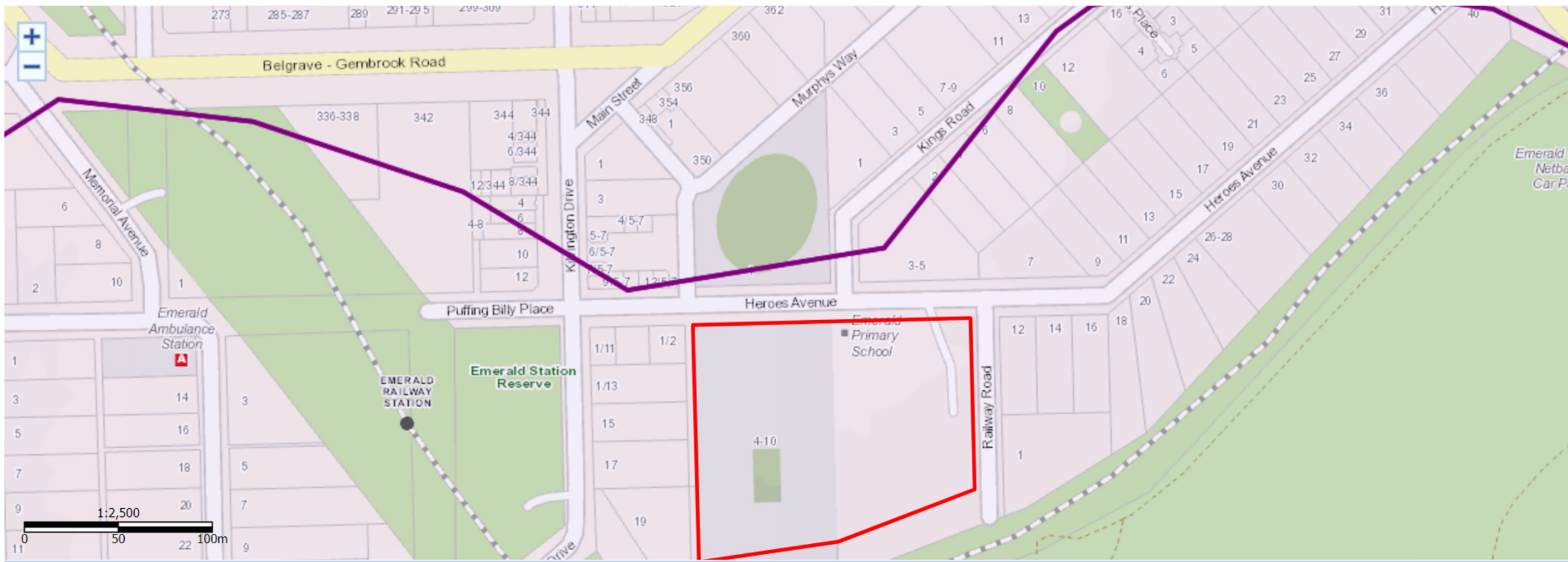
RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS:

Rotary Presentation



Acknowledgement of Country





Interesting Fact: Emerald Primary School buildings are on the Bunarong Peoples Land & our school oval is on the Wurunjeri Peoples Land.
<https://achris.vic.gov.au/weave/wca.html>

BEFORE WE BEGIN

The information in this presentation can be confronting at times and may challenge some of your personal beliefs or ideals.

We want you to know this is a safe space, and we are here to discuss and inform, listen to what is happening in our community, and build a safer, stronger, and more respectful community for everyone in it - irrespective of their gender or beliefs.

This is about eradicating family violence, but it is also about having fun, learning together, and creating the best outcomes for our students, your children and each other.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

If you are concerned for your safety or that of someone else, contact the police, and call 000 for emergency assistance.

If you have experienced violence or sexual assault and require immediate or ongoing assistance, contact 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) to talk to a counsellor from the National Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence hotline.

For confidential support and information, contact Safe Steps' 24/7 family violence response line on 1800 015 188.

MensLine Australia is a free, confidential, anonymous telephone helpline and online support service. MensLine offers counselling, advice, referrals and support to men with family and relationship concerns. Call 1300 78 99 78



Respectful Relationships



Royal Commission into Family Violence

Recommendation 189



Royal Commission
into Family Violence

The Victorian Government mandate the introduction of respectful relationships education into every government school in Victoria from prep to year 12. Implementation should be staged to ensure school readiness and to allow for ongoing evaluation and adaptation. It should be delivered through a whole-of-school approach and be consistent with best practice, building on the evaluation of the model being tested by the Department of Education and Training through Our Watch [within five years].

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE



What is the current story for many, and how do we change it?



Definition

Respectful Relationships

- In the family violence prevention space, the term 'Respectful Relationships' has a very specific meaning – the building and promotion of gender equity in relationships, and the challenging of gender stereotypes
- This definition is based on clear evidence that challenging gender stereotypes and promoting gender equality helps to address gender-based violence
- Creating a culture of respect, building students' personal resilience and supporting gender equality.





Forms of Family Violence

Its just not physical:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Intimidation
- Spiritual
- Social
- Stalking
- Sexual
- Financial



Female

Most at risk of:

Violence from a **male**

At the hands of a **current or former partner**

Occurring in a **private** place (like home)

Male

Most at risk of:

Violence from another **male**

At the hands of a **stranger**

Occurring in a **public** space

Usually a one off incident



of all victims of physical violence in Australia report a male perpetrator.



Drivers/causes of violence against women

Gendered drivers

Particular expressions of gender inequality consistently predict higher rates of violence against women:

- 1 **Condoning of violence against women**
- 2 **Men's control of decision-making and limits to women's independence in public and private life**
- 3 **Rigid gender roles and stereotyped constructions of masculinity and femininity**
- 4 **Male peer relations that emphasise aggression and disrespect towards women.**

Reinforcing factors – within the context of the gendered drivers – can increase frequency or severity of violence:

- 5 **Condoning of violence in general**
- 6 **Experience of, and exposure to, violence**
- 7 **Weakening of pro-social behaviour, especially harmful use of alcohol**
- 8 **Socio-economic inequality and discrimination**
- 9 **Backlash factors (increases in violence when male dominance, power or status is challenged).**

Higher probability
of violence against women

Source: *Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia*, Our Watch, ANROWS and VicHealth (2015).

Topic 8: Positive Gender Relations

Gender-based violence



Since the age of 15:

1 in 3 Australian women have experienced **physical violence**



1 in 4 Australian women have experienced **emotional violence**



1 in 5 Australian women have experienced **sexual violence**



3 in 4 same-sex-attracted young people (aged 14-21) experienced **homophobic bullying**

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2012

Respectful Relationships



Leadership and Commitment

School Culture and Environment

Professional Learning

Teaching and Learning

Community Partnerships

Support for Students and Staff

Classroom program topics

Topic 1 Emotional literacy

Topic 2 Personal strengths

Topic 3 Positive coping

Topic 4 Problem-solving

Topic 5 Stress management

Topic 6 Help-seeking

Topic 7* Gender and identity

Topic 8* Positive gender relationships

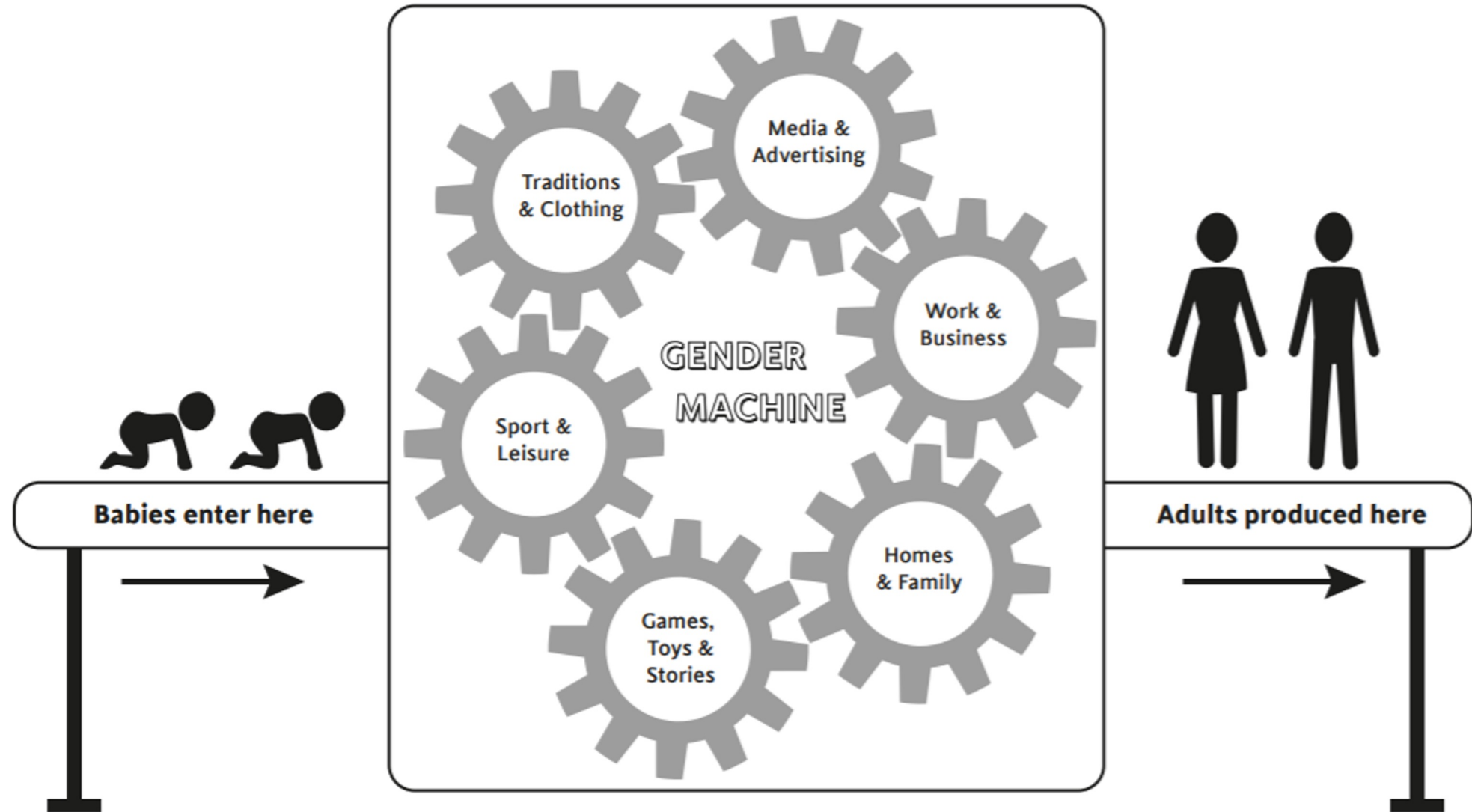
Term 1

Term 2

Term 3

Term 4

The Gender Machine



Respectful Relationships



Further support

1800RESPECT

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE **COUNSELLING** SERVICE

1800 737 732

LOCAL: EDVOS 9259 4200



LifeWorks 1300 361 008

DET Workplace Contact Officers

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/divequity/Pages/WCONet.aspx>



1800 818 728

**CECoV Employee Relations
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