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Massive Mornington Response to Family Violence Forum



Young Luke Batty's image beamed out on the big screen as Rosie Batty delivered a heartfelt plea for change to the many lives which are damaged by deaths like Luke.

The Peninsula Community Theatre was bulging to capacity with in excess of 540 people eager to attend, many standing. 'Never seen the venue so full', was heard regularly.

There were moments where it was difficult to see a dry eye, senior police included.

Our own Rosie Batty and Chief Commissioner Ken Lay led the panel, which included Domestic Violence Victoria CEO Fiona McCormack and No to Violence Acting CEO Rodney Vlasis.

Many said it was an absolute privilege to witness such highly emotive presentations, particularly Rosie's.

About 25 senior police, including both the Frankston and Mornington family violence units filled the front rows of the venue. Some of these members would have been the first on the scene of the Tyabb cricket training session, earlier this year.

The entire event was filmed by Media Stockade, a NSW film company producing the “Call me Dad” documentary for ABC, for premier, late 2015 at the Sydney Opera House.

Previous victims of family violence were heard to say “how uplifting and empowering the evening was for them”. They “felt confident knowing there is support in the community, out there and they are not alone”.

“It was inspirational to see such a high quality event, organised and funded completely by volunteers and community action”

Mayor Antonella Celi was also on hand to articulate the Morning Peninsula strategy on family violence strategy.

17 members of the Peninsula School show band warmed up the room. Peninsula Voice chairperson suggesting, “the upbeat music reflected the positive action for change on Family Violence on the Peninsula”

“When horrific acts of family are committed, we, as the community are all damages. “I still can’t drive over the Westgate Bridge, without thinking about the little girl who was thrown from the bridge some years back.”

3RPP radio station manager Sina Summers recorded the event for public broadcast to the Mornington Peninsula.



Questions on the couch, from left, Rosie Batty, Fiona McCormack, Rodney Vlasis & Ken Lay,



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