

Domestic Violence: Why Not Leave?

2:30 to 4.30pm Saturday September 26th
Blackburns Family Hotel, 15 Parke St, Katoomba

All welcome – free admission

By early September this year 62 Australian women had died of gendered violence in 2015 according to Destroy The Joint – Counting Dead Women, winners of the 2015 Inaugural “Our Watch” Walkley Award for Best Use of Social Media. DTJ estimate that 75% of those deaths were due to domestic violence, with the exact figures dependent on variables such as the outcome of court cases, missing persons’ cases and the discovery of new evidence leading to new arrests.

For every woman killed, countless more live with violence in the places they should be able to feel the safest, in their homes, with their families. Our speakers will explore the obstacles that prevent those who endure violence from escaping their situation - and the solutions which would reduce these dreadful statistics.

Our speakers are:

- **Trish Doyle MP, Member for Blue Mountains** made domestic violence a priority in her powerful Inaugural Speech in the NSW Parliament in May this year. Her personal childhood experience of family violence and her work in women’s services bring a refreshing change in perspective to the NSW Parliament. Trish is also Vice President of the Blue Mountains Unions Council.
- **Natalie Lang, General Secretary of the NSW Branch of the Australian Services Union**, represents workers in community services who support women attempting to leave violence. The ASU is behind the “We Won’t Wait” campaign to legislate for universal Domestic Violence Leave.

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