

Annual Report

2024-2025



yemaya
women's support service



Our Vision

A future where all women and children live free from gender-based violence

Our small but passionate Team of 4.4 FTE Counsellors...

Supported 202 Women through trauma-informed counselling

Spent 1956 hours providing counselling, advocacy, casework and other support to our women

Provided support services to women living in 10 rural communities throughout Northern Tasmania

Delivered 8 educational and community awareness programs

Our Purpose

Supporting women, preventing violence – through trauma-informed care, advocacy, and education.

Our Impact

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Yemaya Women's Services, namely X, quite literally saved my life. I do not know if I would be here to share this testimonial if it was not for this service assisting me to leave a situation that was detrimental to both my health and my children's. Furthermore, my children and I now live life to the fullest thanks to the impact that X's counselling service has had on my mental health. I am so moved by the provision of this service that I intend to give back in whatever way I can in the future.



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The support Yemaya has given me has helped me stay at my job, and just getting through life/surviving as a single parent who came from having to start afresh after coming out of a very bad situation. Even though life is good now, history haunts me and it's a history not many have, so without Yemaya I can't find anyone to relate to on that stuff. I'm doing well, but there's always a date for an appointment and that's enough for me to remind me to stay strong no matter what. Someone understands and is proud of me for what I've done, and for what I'm still trying to do.



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Since starting support at Yemaya I feel as though I have finally found a therapist who genuinely understands me and my past. The support I have received has taught me boundaries, strength, courage, and that I am not alone. But even more, I have relearned how to love myself and the world around me.



CEO Report



This year, as ever, our work remains guided by our belief that every woman and child has the right to live free from fear.

At Yemaya, we walk alongside women impacted by family violence as they reclaim their safety, autonomy, and hope. Every story we hear – every survivor who trusts us with their truth – strengthens our belief in our work. But it also fuels our resolve to transform the social systems that enable family violence. We are equally dedicated to prevention – shifting the social norms and power imbalances that allow violence to persist.

Over the past 12 months, our small but determined team has supported hundreds of women across northern Tasmania. We've provided counselling and support to women in rural and remote communities, offered trauma-informed counselling in-house, and begun laying the groundwork to bring respectful relationships education into male-dominated workplaces. We have also seen the positive impact the Shark Cage program has had on women attending these group sessions. We are honoured to be involved in this vital work.

Sadly, family violence is at epidemic levels. And it doesn't discriminate – it impacts lives across all backgrounds, professions, and communities. But what we've learned time and time again is this: when women are believed, supported, and empowered, they can rebuild their lives. And when communities unite to challenge inequality and violence, genuine, lasting change becomes possible.

To every woman who walked through our doors, shared her story, or allowed us to walk beside her – thank you. Your strength inspires us daily. To our staff and Board – your compassion, skill, and dedication make this work possible. You are Yemaya's heartbeat.

And to our funders, supporters, and sister organisations – thank you for standing with us. Together, we are not only responding to crisis but also building a future where women and children are safe, respected, and free to thrive.

With gratitude and determination,
Denise Tilley
CEO, Yemaya Women's Support Service

