



Inspiration before Breakfast: Rosie Batty, Australian domestic violence against women campaigner and the 2015 Australian of the Year

7.15 for breakfast & networking – 8.45am Tuesday 25th August 2015

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In February 2014 Rosie Batty's 11-year-old son Luke was murdered by his father, Greg Anderson, at cricket practice in the outer Melbourne suburb of Tyabb. Batty made a statement to the media that "... family violence happens to everybody. No matter how nice your house is, how intelligent you are. It can happen to anyone, and everyone." Batty, who was born in England, settled in Australia in 1988 following an earlier initial visit in 1986. Following the murder of her son, she became an advocate for female domestic violence victims and campaigner for fixing the failures in government processes relating to the protection of women and children. Batty's story was instrumental in the instigation of a royal commission into family violence.



In 2014 she established the *Luke Batty Foundation* to assist women and children impacted by domestic violence. Rosie will share her journey and new life purpose with those who are also committed to forcing social

change. Any person, particularly every woman and child, deserves to live free from violence and should be treated with respect, believability and compassion when on a journey to claim their right to safety. Through education, advocacy and campaigning the *Luke Batty Foundation* will raise community awareness and put pressure on government organisations until family violence is no longer a subject that only happens behind closed doors and the current statistics of family violence are dramatically reduced.

This year Rosie launched the *Never Alone Campaign*, asking all Australians to stand with her and beside all victims of family violence by signing up at <http://www.neveralone.com.au/>

Rosie will be joined by **Louise Goodchild from the Board of Women's Legal Services NSW**, a community legal centre providing women across NSW with a range of free legal services. Louise will speak about undertaking pro bono work in the area of family violence and about Women's Legal Services NSW. <http://www.wlsnsw.org.au/>

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Luke Batty Foundation and further donations are encouraged
<http://lukebattyfoundation.com.au/>

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