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Press Release

Adults get the picture with coaster

JD's Sports Bar has partnered with Central Highlands Community Legal Centre in designing a coaster reminding patrons of the seriousness of family violence. The coaster project, an initiative of the legal centre, is a preventative education approach to family violence.

JD's Sports Bar Manager Ben Capuano has seen the impact family violence can have on women, having trained closely with a sensei who taught women's self-defense to victims. He believes it is important for people to know that family violence is unacceptable and that JD's Sports Bar provides a safe social environment for both men and women.

The coaster features a picture drawn by a child subjected to family violence, depicting the mother crying and the child asking the parents to "stop yelling at each other". The caption reads "If there's violence in the home, the kids get the picture". The image highlights the hidden emotional toll family violence has on the entire family and in particular, children.

"It is encouraging to see JD's Sports Bar willing to draw attention to such an important community issue" said Community Lawyer and White Ribbon Day Ambassador Adrian Tinetti. Several bars in the Ballarat region were approached to partner in the project, however, the majority declined.

Central Highlands Community Legal Centre provides free legal information and advice by appointment Monday to Friday and a duty lawyer service to the Family Violence Court at the Ballarat Law Courts. Bookings with a community lawyer can be made on 5331 5999 or by visiting the office at 15 Dawson Street North, Ballarat.

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