

# Domestic violence victims to be remembered through ceremony

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ABOUT 60 deaths in Queensland have been caused by domestic violence in the last five years.

The figure, estimated by the National Homicide Monitoring Program, is appalling, and something the Domestic and Family Violence Service of Central Queensland wants to address.

The service will hold a Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Sunflower Painting Park on Wednesday, May 5, for those affected by domestic violence and those wishing to support its prevention in Queensland communities.

"May is the Domestic and Family Violence Awareness and Prevention month," explained manager of the DV Service of Central Queensland Sue Manthey.

"In the ceremony we light candles to remember those who died because of domestic or family violence, and the families left behind."

The ceremony will begin at 5.30pm with the candle lighting at 6pm.

"Domestic and family violence is not just a family affair. It's a community issue that requires a community response," said Sue.

"We want to promote a clear message of no tolerance towards domestic violence in Queensland communities. Those experiencing DV can find out how to access support.

"We also want to encourage those who use violence to take responsibility for their abusive behaviour and seek support to change."



**REMEMBERING:** The Candle Lighting Ceremony is one of many events in May promoting awareness of Domestic and Family Violence.

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