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United in the stand against domestic violence

The Bardi Jawi Oorany Rangers teamed up with Dampier Peninsula police to say 'no' to domestic violence and raise awareness of the issue.

The women rangers planted a Marool tree outside the police station in the Djaridjin community as a symbol of the united efforts between the community and police to stop domestic violence.

Senior Bardi Jawi Oorany Ranger Bernadette Angus said planting a Marool tree was about creating a lasting reminder for the community to stand strong against domestic violence.

"A Marool tree is a strong tree and we got to be strong in the future and say 'no'. We need to look after this tree because it's important to us," she said.

"We don't like domestic violence and we need to find a way to stop domestic violence in our community.

"We need to come together and support each other."

Senior Sergeant Heather Osborne said working with the Bardi women rangers provided a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of an issue that was close to her heart.

"This is about helping women in our community be strong and not tolerate domestic violence," she said.

"This tree represents the future direction of men, women and children against domestic violence."

A Dampier Peninsula safe house for women who need a haven to escape domestic violence and abuse is almost built and will be open in early September. SAFE House coordinator and Save the Children Team Leader Dawn Thompson also attended the tree planting.

The native Marool tree was donated by the Society of Kimberley Indigenous Plants and Animals which is working closely with the Bardi Jawi Oorany Rangers on a number of projects.