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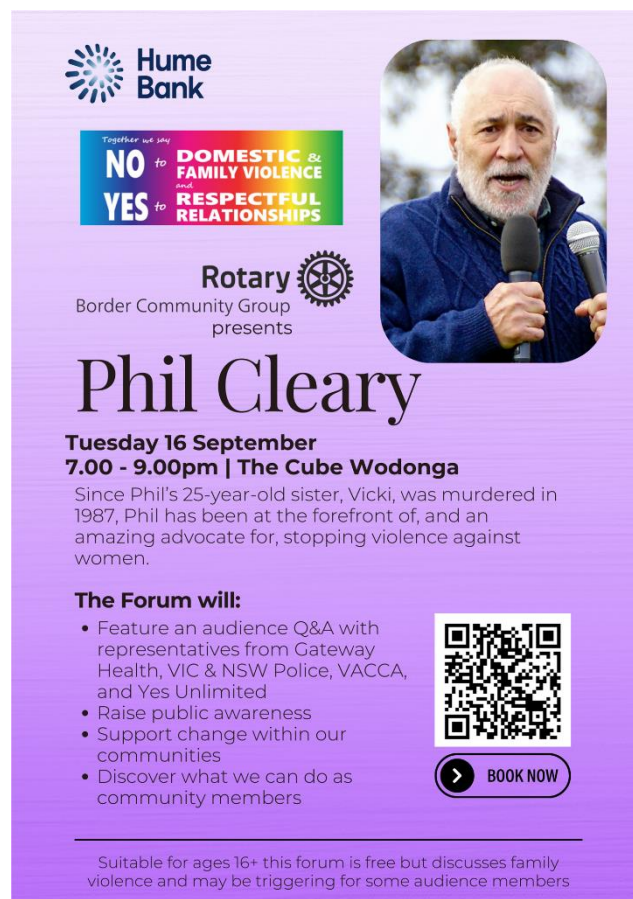
About a decade ago I heard Phil Cleary being interviewed on ABC Radio. I don't follow sports and didn't know anything about Phil Cleary the AFL star. That didn't matter though, as Mr Cleary wasn't talking about his football career, he was talking about the legacy his little sister Vicki left for him, when she was killed on this day (August 26th) in 1987... coincidentally days before I arrived in Australia as a lone teenager.

Mr Cleary made one particular statement during that interview, that I have not forgotten and found cause to quote to my daughters and their friends when they dismissed some poor behaviours from some boys at school as "that's just how we speak to each other these days".

So, when my wonderful Rotary Club of Belvoir - Wodonga joined forces with other clubs in the district to create a wave of advocacy across our region, I contacted Mr Cleary's team and told them my story, asking if he had capacity to speak at our inaugural Say No to Domestic Violence forum. A huge shout-out to the driving force behind the project, Assistant Governor Graeme Sayer, for securing this powerful and passionate advocate. I cannot wait to hear and meet Phil Cleary in person on September 16th at The Cube Wodonga

What did Phil Cleary say that has stayed with me for over a decade and likely will for life?

"Disrespect doesn't always end in violence, but violence always starts with disrespect."



The poster is for a forum featuring Phil Cleary. It has a purple background. At the top left is the Hume Bank logo. Below it is a rainbow banner with the text "Together we say NO to DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE and YES to RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS". To the right of this is a photo of Phil Cleary, an older man with a white beard, wearing a blue jacket and holding a microphone. Below the banner is the Rotary logo and the text "Rotary Border Community Group presents". The name "Phil Cleary" is written in large white letters. Below that is the date and time: "Tuesday 16 September 7.00 - 9.00pm | The Cube Wodonga". A paragraph of text follows: "Since Phil's 25-year-old sister, Vicki, was murdered in 1987, Phil has been at the forefront of, and an amazing advocate for, stopping violence against women." Below this is a section titled "The Forum will:" followed by a bulleted list of five points. To the right of the list is a QR code. Below the QR code is a button that says "BOOK NOW" with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, a small line of text states: "Suitable for ages 16+ this forum is free but discusses family violence and may be triggering for some audience members".

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The Forum will:

- Feature an audience Q&A with representatives from Gateway Health, VIC & NSW Police, VACCA, and Yes Unlimited
- Raise public awareness
- Support change within our communities
- Discover what we can do as community members

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