

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022-2023



With Early Intervention Investment Framework funding received from July 2022, WAM has been able to bolster program delivery across greater Melbourne and expand into Ballarat. Program growth has meant onboarding new team members, increasing capacity for referrals, recruiting more mentors, and empowering more women to achieve their goals.

## Goals

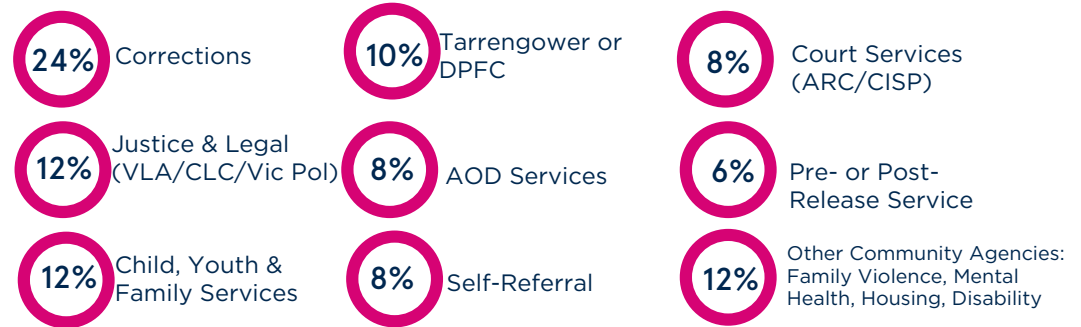
During the period 1st July 2022 to 30 June 2023, 31 women participated in goal reviews. There were 109 goals identified, and the five main areas of change were :



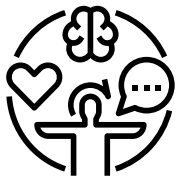
## Referrals

During this period, 106 referrals were received from over 40 agencies across the health justice sector. 64 women proceeded to assessment and matching, 13 were deemed not ready and placed 'on hold', whilst 29 did not proceed (22 did not respond to any contact). Compared to the previous year, 68 referrals were received with 28 proceeded to assessment.

### Where did referrals come from?



## Graduation



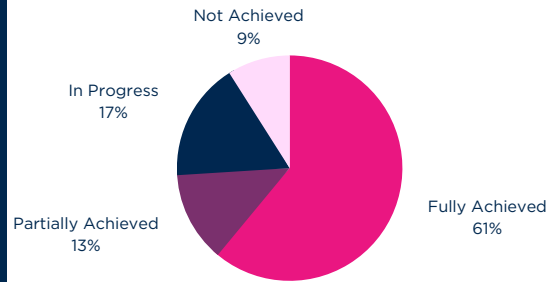
**42%** Reported 'Major Positive Change'

**26%** Reported 'Moderate Positive Change'

**21%** Reported 'Slight Positive Change'

19 women celebrated match graduations. Nine women indicated all legal matters had been resolved, including completing Community Corrections orders. Women who reported no change (11%) had left the program before 6 months duration.

## Outcomes

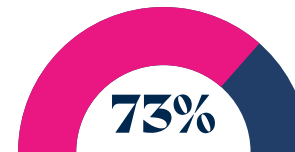


Of the 109 goals, almost three quarters were fully or partially achieved.

Engagement in the program for less than 6 months was the main reason for not fully achieving goals.

Goals remaining in progress are attributed to women still in the program, or committed to achieving their goals after graduation.

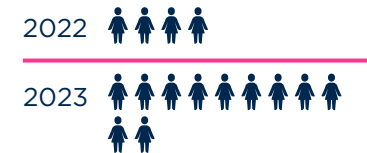
## Volunteers



We recruited 33 more volunteers, a 73% increase in mentors screened, trained and joining the 'WAMily'.

Volunteer mentors are the lifeblood of the WAM program, and we ensure they are skilled, supported and knowledgeable to fulfil their role. Professional development sessions attended by mentors included: Mental Health First Aid, 'You Be The Judge', Professional Boundaries, Dealing with Difficult Calls, Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Assault, Suicide Prevention, Trauma Informed Care, & Understanding Acquired Brain Injury.

## Team Growth



In June 2022 we had four team members. Increased funding has meant growth in the team and we can meet the demand for service expansion. Our office at Queen Vic Women's Centre makes us quite central, and team members benefit from co-location in Frankston & Ballarat. The team have expertise in criminology, women's health, family violence, psychology, community development & social work.