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Our Community, Our Voice

A gendered and culturally diverse lens on an urban disaster

By Shweta Dakin & Wennie van Riet at GenWest



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This artwork was commissioned by GenWest (then Women's Health West) in 2019. Melinda Kirby is a Melbourne based artist. The elements in the painting are all significant and relate to women, health, land and community.



About GenWest

GenWest is an organisation working toward gender equity in Melbourne's west.



GenWest Gender
Justice
and
Change.

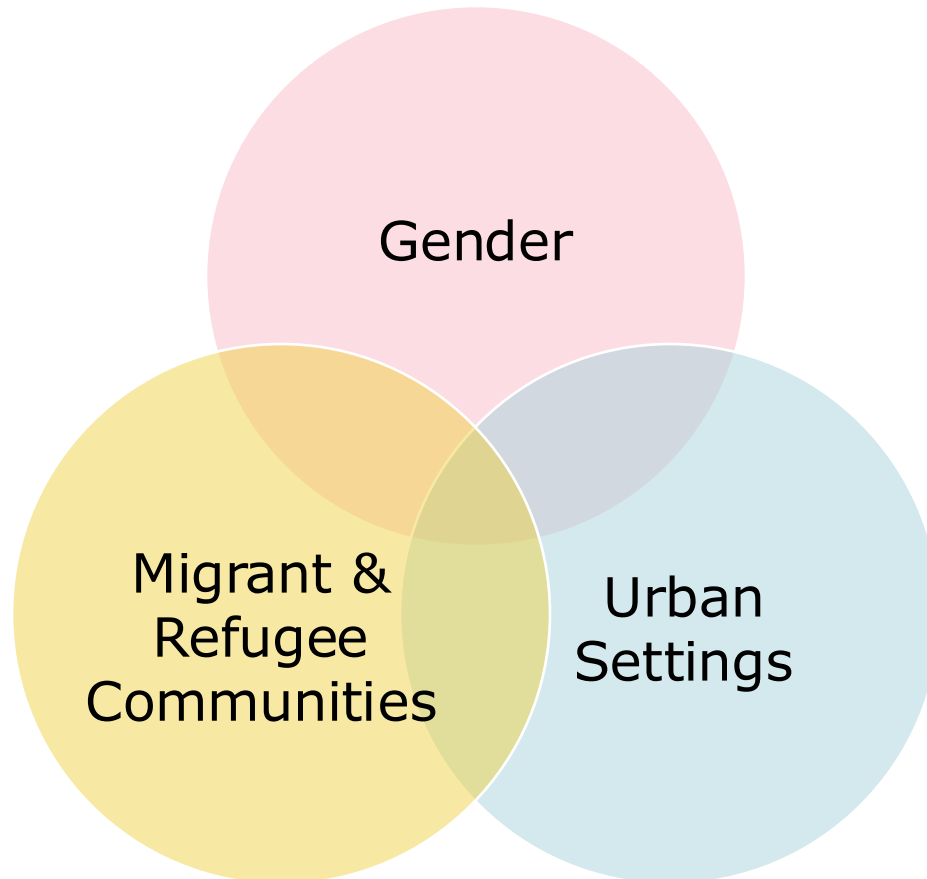


Our Approach





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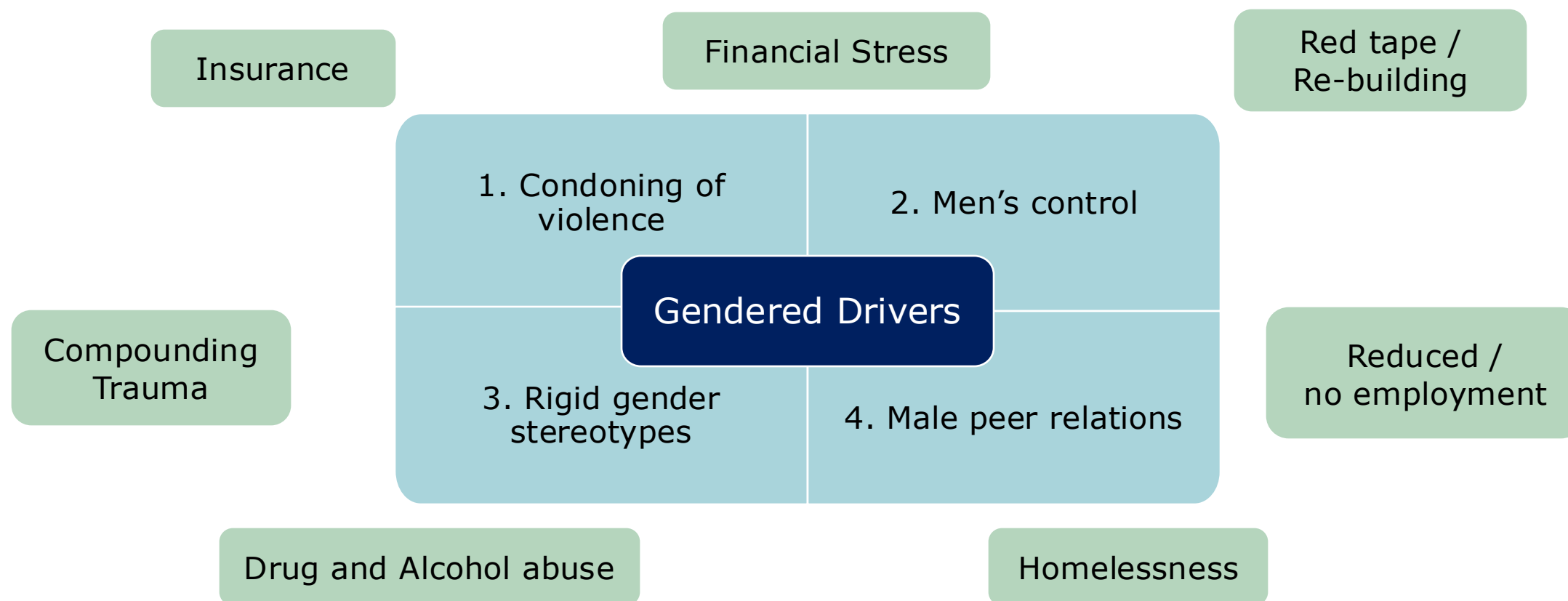


Rigid Gender Roles & Disaster

Feminine Stereotypes	Masculine Stereotypes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caregiver• Emotional• In need of protecting• Dependent• Supportive• Passive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tough• Rational• Protector• Independent• Decisive• Active



Disasters & Family Violence





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Recent UN Study indicates that for every 1°C rise in average temperature violence against women and families increases by 4.7%

(‘Colliding Crises’, United Nations Study, 2025)



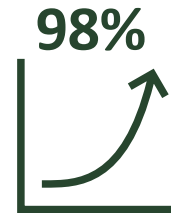
2020 - 2022
Covid19 Pandemic



2011 Canterbury
Earthquake in NZ



2009 Black Saturday
Bushfires

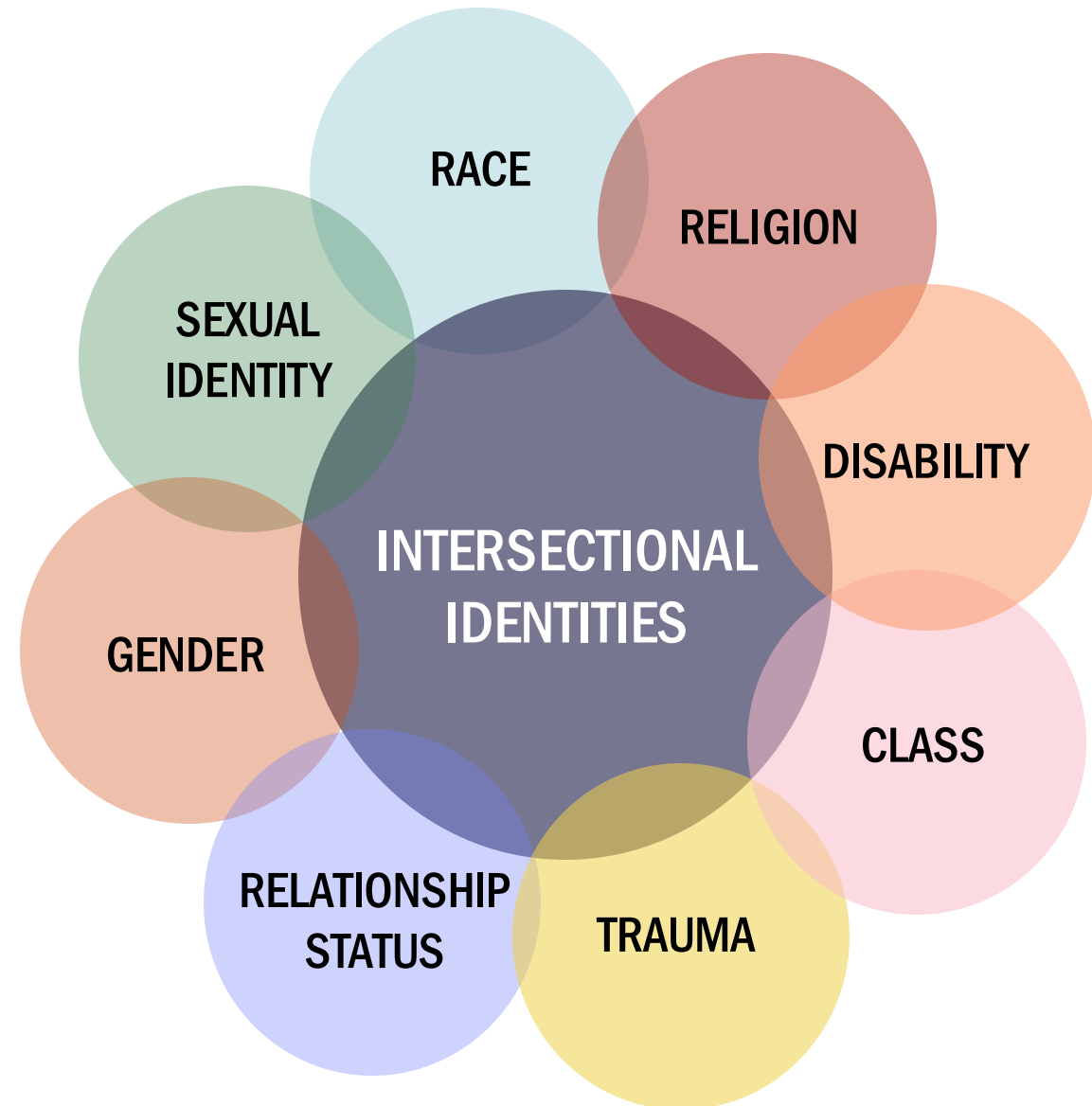


2005 Hurricane
Katrina in US



Compounding inequities

How does a disaster impact
migrant and refugee women
in an urban setting?





Maribyrnong River in Victoria

14 October 2022



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It's OK to ask for help



**Culturally diverse mental health and
wellbeing web series**



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Equitable Disaster Management

Training Module to build capacity of front-line staff in supporting Migrant and Refugee communities through climate emergencies in urban settings.



(I have learnt)....We cannot solve everything, but part of what we can do is to try remove the barriers that hinder people from receiving what they need.

(I loved).....Reflecting on individual and group experiences pre- and post disaster for recovery.



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