Bess Price  
Minister for Men’s Policy  

**Nightcliff Football Club leading the field in the war against domestic violence**  

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A new award to recognise the efforts clubs and organisations have made to raise awareness about domestic and family violence was presented tonight at the NT Sports Awards.  

Minister for Men’s Policy, Bess Price, said the club has set the standard by which all other clubs shall be measured.  

“Congratulations to Nightcliff Football Club (NFC) for being this year’s winner of the Action Against Domestic Violence Award for their outstanding efforts to prevent domestic and family violence,” Mrs Price said.  

“I visited the club last year and was so impressed with how hard they were striving to stamp out any idea that violence was okay.  

“The NFC has shown the broader community that domestic and family violence can be addressed in ways that are meaningful and effective by initiating their own domestic violence action plan.  

“They have sent a clear message to the NT sports community that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated and, as a club, they shall not be complicit by standing by and allowing it to happen.  

“The club is a clear front runner in the war against family and domestic violence, not just in Australian Rules Football but across all codes of sport in the Northern Territory.”  

After a public incident of domestic violence by a member of the NFC, the club acknowledge an issue that needed to be addressed.  

Together with Charlie King and CatholicCare NT they devised a domestic action plan tailored specifically for the club. The offender, who had been jailed for three months, was also not allowed to return to the club until he had undergone counselling.  

Nightcliff Football Club received $3000 in prize money, a trophy, and public recognition within the community for speaking up against domestic and family violence.  

The Action Against Domestic Violence Award targets men and their families through their interest in sport.
It invites them to be representatives of social change in challenging domestic and family violence.

This approach encourages people to stop ignoring or supporting domestic and family violence in their community.

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