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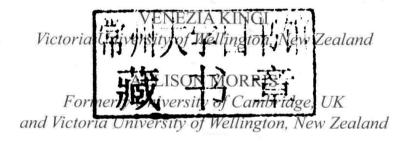
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A RESTORATIVE APPROACH TO FAMILY VIOLENCE

A Restorative Approach to Family Violence represents a substantive and timely contribution to the development of an emerging practice to a seemingly intractable problem. With a primary focus on New Zealand, an inspiration and a leader in the use of restorative processes for a variety of crimes, this book is beneficial to those who seek to understand how restorative justice, once forbidden in addressing family violence, has become a meaningful (and surprising) alternative to addressing these gender crimes. Questioning throughout, A Restorative Approach helps the reader understand the contours of the debate and the possibilities for creative solutions to intimate abuse that the criminal justice system has so often failed to address or repair.

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List of Abbreviations

BCS British Crime Survey

CCP Circles of Peace
CI Confidence Interval

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

NZ VAW New Zealand Violence Against Women study

OR Odds Ratio

P Methamphetamine (New Zealand street term)

SAAS Sexual Assault Archival Study

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¹ All *Māori* terms are italicised and explained when first used in a chapter. They are all listed in the Glossary in Appendix 1.

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Foreword

Rates of intimate partner violence remain shamefully high in New Zealand and elsewhere despite the fact that public awareness of the problem has risen markedly. There is growing recognition that the traditional adversarial approach in the criminal justice system has failed to deliver results and an associated interest in new initiatives, particularly in restorative justice. The publication of *A Restorative Approach to Family Violence: Changing Tack* is therefore timely. It is of practical interest for those whose work involves dealing with violent offending of a family nature, but it is also essential reading for all interested in the study of family violence generally and new measures for dealing with criminal offending.

The range of subjects and perspectives presented in the volume is wide. It includes empirical studies of the prevalence of family violence and perspectives on the use of restorative justice initiatives in the family violence context. It also includes accounts by those who have participated in restorative justice processes and have been victims of abusive relationships.

Restorative justice in New Zealand has been predominantly driven by practitioners. As such, it is to some degree under-theorized. A Restorative Approach to Family Violence: Changing Tack makes a valuable contribution to filling that gap in the literature. Particularly welcome is the editors' acknowledgement that the appropriateness of employing restorative justice processes where family violence has been involved is a fraught issue. The presentation of different views in this volume is commendable.

Family violence is a deep-rooted problem in our society and progress in reducing the levels of it has been slow. We do not yet know for certain how effective restorative justice initiatives have been. It will be many more years before we can see whether such initiatives have helped stem the tide of intergenerational family violence. What we do know is that the adversarial approach of criminal justice, which remains the default, has not worked to reduce levels of violence or to repair the damage it causes. The present volume represents a worthy contribution to the long-term project of working to ensure that family violence does not remain a national and international disgrace.

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All editors want to thank the contributors to this book who have given it inspiration and a rare insight into the realities of family violence and the promise that is restorative justice. Their wide-ranging and, in many cases, international standing and experience in the academic, practice and policy fields have given considerable credibility to this collection. Our shared hope is that this volume will contribute to fruitful debate about the use of restorative processes in dealing with family violence.

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