

# Community needs to take a stand



**MARCH AGAINST VIOLENCE:** Preparing for tomorrow's march are (from left) Chris Meibusch, Raeissa Mouritz, Kay Galton, Kristal Gill and Neil Brown. PICTURE: NEV MADSEN

# Plea to join in and say no to violence

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TOOWOOMBA Says No to Violence advocate Kay Galton wants as many people as possible to join her tomorrow in a public stance against violence.

Ms Galton said she had been a member of the Toowoomba Says No to Violence committee since its inception in 2008.

"The amount of violence, in one form or another, whether it be the home, the workplace or on the streets, is a problem," Ms Galton said.

"Probably less so in Toowoomba (than in larger centres) but it is still a problem.

"We just want to make it clear that violence is unacceptable."

Toowoomba Says No to Violence spokesman Peter Rookas said the annual street march would begin in front of the Empire Theatre Church in Neil St at 11am.

"I challenge all those community members who believe violence is a problem in our city to take a stance," Mr Rookas said.

"Thursday is the day that Toowoomba citizens, friends,

workmates and perfect strangers stand up and walk together to show the world that we care about our city and its future."

The procession will head north along Neil St, west into Margaret St and then south along Ruthven St to the steps of City Hall.

Speeches from champions of the cause including Mayor Peter Taylor and University of Southern Queensland Vice Chancellor Bill Lovegrove will be held before a free sausage sizzle.

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