The Taree Women’s Refuge provides short term crisis accommodation and outreach to women and their children. The refuge is staffed only by women to provide support for women and their children experiencing domestic violence.

Our refuge is accessible to all women regardless of age, ethnicity and sexual preference. Taree Women’s Refuge offers the following services:

- Information and advice
- Advocacy
- Emotional support
- Outreach to clients
- Referrals (including Legal Referrals)
- Assistance with Centrelink and other services

Samaritans is one of the largest regional welfare organisations in Australia but is truly local to your region. As the welfare arm of the Anglican Church, we deliver over 100 programs and community services to thousands of individuals and families each year.

Samaritans would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

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For assistance
Ph: 6551 0011
Everyone’s circumstances are different. We understand that you may feel that you have no option but to leave suddenly to ensure the safety of yourself and your children. However, if you do have time we suggest you pack the following:

- Medicare card
- Certificates: birth and marriage
- Banking Information
- Medication and prescriptions
- Passport and any other important papers such as Immigration papers and Will
- Clothes
- Photos and personal items
- Your children’s favourite toys
- Anything else that is special or valuable

The Taree Women’s Refuge assists single women and women with children, who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence. Domestic violence takes many forms.

Domestic violence can be:

- **Physical**: this includes hitting, pushing, the use of weapons, intimidation or threats to you, your children and your pets
- **Sexual**: being forced to have sex, rape, refusing to accept ‘no’, being forced to watch pornography
- **Social**: being stopped from seeing your family and friends or being isolated geographically or socially
- **Psychological**: all threats of violence, emotional, spiritual as well as verbal abuse which is threatening, criticising, insulting or degrading.
- **Economic**: having no access to or control over money