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Shelter for Battered Women hosts fund-raiser

## Tea for charity

**T**HE Shelter for Battered Women and Children will be holding its annual Tea Fund-raiser on Friday as part of its ongoing activities to raise funds for the services it provides to women and children who have been victims of physical and emotional abuse.

The Afternoon Tea will be hosted by Yvonne Webber, wife of the Australian High Commissioner, at their residence in Moka, Maraval.

The much-anticipated event, which has received support from bmobile, will feature a silent art auction of the works of renowned local artists Beverley Fitzwilliam-Harries, Donald 'Jackie' Hinkson, Abigail Sabeoney, Peter Sheppard and Trevor Rostant.

Chairman Anthony Inglefield explained that The Shelter is a safe house for survivors of domestic violence from all over the country.

Referrals mainly come from 800-SAVE, but they also get

from the embassies, social workers, police stations and the Children's Authority.

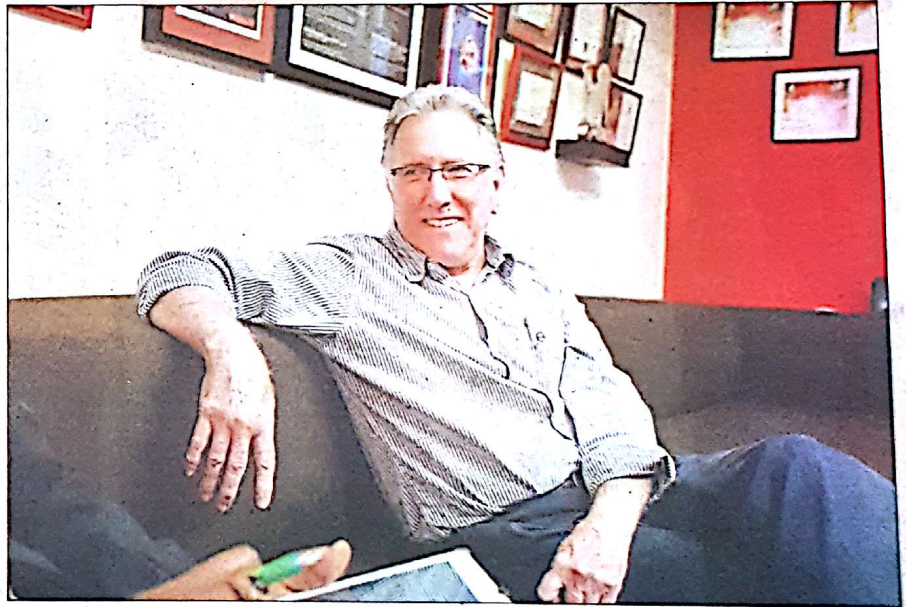
They have on occasion also housed human trafficking victims.

### Communal living

The Shelter caters for up to 26 people and offers communal living where the women are encouraged to support one another.

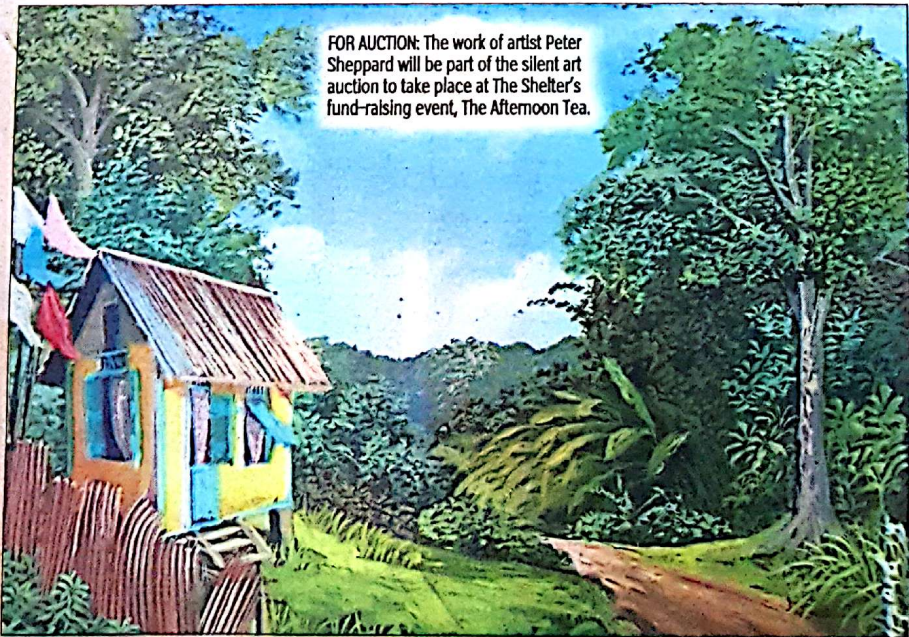
"The women and girls are of different ages and we accept boys up to ten years. However, we do try as much as possible to keep families together. Among the current residents, we have abused and abandoned children."

Inglefield continued, "The length of stay at The Shelter varies on a case-by-case basis. The counselling provided guides how we manage their care and, by extension, their stay. We've had women stay for days to as much as a year. Unfortunately, too, so many of them are finan-



DOING A GOOD DEED: The Shelter's chairman, Anthony Inglefield.

**FOR AUCTION:** The work of artist Peter Sheppard will be part of the silent art auction to take place at The Shelter's fund-raising event, The Afternoon Tea.



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cially vulnerable, they do not have anywhere to go.

"What we don't want to happen is they go back into the abusive situation they escaped from. Our aim is to provide the support they need to leave feeling empowered and in control of their lives."

The Shelter offers temporary housing, crisis intervention, counselling, meals, clothing, medical services, legal assis-

tance, food cards and assistance with job placement.

### Eliminating abuse

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