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# Women's Health Grampians forum focuses on youth, sexuality

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Women's Health Grampians chief Marianne Hendron.

YOUTH and sexuality will be the core discussion topics at Women's Health Grampians' annual meeting and forum next week.

The forum will feature keynote speaker Maree Crabbe, who co-ordinates community education project Reality and Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality.

Crabbe is an adolescent sexuality expert who has worked with young people for more than 20 years, and has focused on sexuality and sexual health for more than a decade.

She has developed and presented programs about sexual violence prevention, sexual diversity and the prevention of sexually transmissible infections.

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She is also the author of *In The Picture*, a resource used in secondary schools to help teachers address the influence of explicit sexual imagery.

Crabbe will speak about the availability of hardcore pornography online and how it is aggressively marketed.

She will share insights into her work and explain how pornography affects young people and their views about gender equality, mutual respect, and sexual health.

The event in Ararat will also feature a panel discussion about taking a community approach to building respectful relationships.

Panel members include St Arnaud Secondary College principal Branko Lukic and Ararat Rural City Council community development, youth and client services manager Angela Hunt.

School Focused Youth Service worker Maurice Billi – who works with Grampians Community Health – and Family Planning Victoria education and training manager Sarah Thistle round out the panel.

The meeting on Tuesday is at the Alexandra Oval Community Centre from 10.45am to 2pm. The day will start with morning tea before Crabbe speaks at 11am. The panel session will follow at noon before lunch at 12.45pm.

The annual meeting will run from 1.15pm to 1.45pm.

The meeting will include appointing the Women's Health Grampians board for 2015-16.

- For more, see the Mail-Times next week.