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WASHING DAY: Millie Scarrabelotti (Year 10), Shanae Byrne-Johnson (Year 10), Dirty Laundry Day project founder Niki Gill and Cafe One One 4 owner Gera Davison. PHOTO: MELISSA GULBIN

DV stops with us

The Dirty Laundry Project makes violence a community issue

■ **Melissa Gulbin**
T-SHIRTS emblazoned with personal slogans against domestic violence may seem incongruous to the tinsel and trees that have

appeared in CBD shop windows this week. But according to founder of Lismore-born Dirty Laundry Project Niki Gill, Christmas is the season when family conflict reaches

crisis point. Now in its sixth year, the Dirty Laundry Project is about ending the silence on the historically taboo subject of family violence. The t-shirts were created

during a workshop last week by women who had experienced family violence. The shirts are now hanging in local shopfronts, raising awareness and bringing family violence out

from behind closed doors as an issue that affects the whole community. The project allows victims to voice their experiences and reduce their sense of isolation in the community.

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