



Meeting Minutes

NATIONAL FVPLS FORUM MEMBERS' E-MEETING

Thursday, DAY MONTH 2024, 2.30pm AEST

General meeting

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies

NPYWC: Heather Smith

QIFVLS: Wynetta Dewis

Warra Warra: Melissa Calliss

Attendees

NFVPLS: Kerry Staines, Priya Devendra, Jennifer FitzGerald

Djirra: Mary Morison, George Selvanera

FVLSAC: John Tonkin, Tosha Sambo

AFLSWA: Laney Gould

AFLSQ: Kathleen Wincen

Thiyama-li: Denise Ranby

Note: Kerry will reach out to membership re: best meeting time; newsletter will also go out monthly

Continuation of members' meeting

3. Noted minutes from previous meetings, any changes?

- Members have been provided with minutes from previous meeting on 24/02/2024

4. Actions from the previous meeting

- All actions completed, refer to Agenda for list
- No actions outstanding

5. Introduction of Jennifer FitzGerald

6. NFVPLS Company Status update

- Registering with ACNC as FNAAFV ("the Forum"); will stand alone as of 1 July 2024
- Other organisational updates working to contact for our back-of-house support such as payroll, HR, finance, ICT, etc for when QIFVLS ceases to auspice the arrangement. All these services will be outsourced.
- New dates for Conference in October (15-17; travel day on 14th), Venue to be in South Australia, discussed one possible location with SA members.
- Strategic Plan finalised; almost finished Operational Plan

Feedback

7. Government Engagement Update



- Kerry to catch up with Senator heading the Murdered and Missing Women Report
- Kerry reported on the work from NIAA the Rural and Remote Framework for Government
- Kerry had a positive meeting with Sen. Little (Shadow Minister of Child Safety and Domestic/Family Violence) – Senator Little suggested a follow up meeting to discuss our views further (other members to be invited, SA members would be good to meet as Senator lives in SA) and NFVPLS to be included in workshop that Senator Little is looking to run in the future. We will keep you posted.
- Djirra organised an advisors round table at government (Canberra) to discuss how FVPLS sector lies across many departments; there is a commitment to meet every two months virtually and face to face to advance all agenda's
- Our back bencher campaign has begun, we plan to meet with many back benchers to discuss FVPLS sector and our policy positions. We aim to have members also assist to get around to all back benchers. We are preparing a prospectus to aid in these meetings
- Met with Minister Burney's advisor to talk about same policy positions, such as
 - starting to work now on transition to NLAP
 - diversification of funding
 - pre budget submission
 - safe and supported and other DSS policy positions
 - 5 year contracts

8. ACOSS Meeting update

- Not discussed

9. Coalition of PEAKS

- 3 major reports are out (partnership health check report; productivity commission report; closing the gap implementation plan review 2024)
- The 3 reports with recommendations and plans, we will do the work to understand similarities etc and share our thinking.

10. Productivity Commission Report

- Members felt they were across this report so we did not need to provide a summary

11. Submission Update

- NDIS – update from Priya
- Priya working with Four-R's network to examine NDIS use/offering in Four-R's/First Nations communities.
- Submission might make call that FVPLS's (among others) are provided with support to apply for NDIS funding for disability advocacy assistance.
- 2 further points that Priya raised:
 - NDIS service provision does not extend to incarcerated individuals.
 - Working to extend NDIS to women with DFV acquired injuries.

12. Policy Officer Working Group

- Priya putting forward a working group of all policy officers among FVPLS offices.
- To share knowledge, say the same thing (stay on message), and to support each other.
- Priya to send out an Expression of Interest email; and for smaller services there will be shared minutes, and for smaller services being encouraged to teach out to the PO working group.



13. Communications Updates (Lianne on leave)

- Feedback on Media Monitoring Reports, call for additional subscribers.
 - Feedback on format is positive.
- Nominate comms/PR/Marketing staff to join monthly Comms Chat
 - Comms Chat for support
 - Forum will also sponsor some Comms staff to the 2nd Public Comms Forum in Canberra in June of this year.

General Business

14. Ochre Ribbon Week, everyone to contribute

- Members shared what events took place in their areas.
- Some members reported some mixed responses; some locations were good, others were new to the event and will build on this for next year.
- Next year will be 10 year anniversary event
- Another report of a good event in Warra Warra.
- Some events were belatedly organised, having it as a pool event this week
- Good marches, good turnout. Had family day as well.

15. Art competition, FNAAFV update

- Due in at the end of March
- Asking membership to push art competition as well

16. Rural and Remote Framework

- As above
- NFVPLS have requested that NIAA share the response they receive once this is presented to Department Secretaries at the end of April, and Kerry will pass on any further information.

17. Other business – Sharing

- NAAFLS update on funding – Wendy
 - Child protection notifications are trialling in Darwin
 - Membership can reach out to Wendy
- Warra Warra update – Kathleen
 - It's starting to look positive for Warra Warra, and AFLSQ is working on funding for WW through 2025
 - Kathleen will be visiting Warra Warra regularly.
 - AFLSQ will send a solicitor 1 week/month to Warra Warra for support.
 - AFLSQ is auspising Warra Warra now.
 - Kerry is working with Mel for community consultations to determine how they want to go forward.
- International Women's Day
 - Partnering with Legal Aid and Women's legal services for Webinar
 - Wynetta will be stepping in for the Webinar to be on a panel discussion, we will forward the invitation when it is received.
 - Kerry on Leave from 8-22 March, 2024
- Mary: wants to progress a conversation with the Commonwealth around the reporting template.



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- Not clear how template information will be used or useful.
- Asks if interested members of the Forum to come together with NIAA to get a better report for Members and Services to use.
- To make sure that what is being reported is what the services are funded to do.
- Member services could send portions of monthly reports to Forum, and Forum could show a national impact.
- Denise brought up Action Step for reporting purposes; and the templates added more to the process.
- Feedback from Membership Reports: Laney and Kathleen report positive feedback, though Kathleen indicated that the feedback was also confused.
- Mary to circulate a template alternative.

18. Next meeting

- The next meeting is the Thursday, 28 March 2024, at 2:30pm AEST.

Actions from this meeting:

Actions	Timeframe	Level of completion
Policy Officer Working group - Priya		In Progress
Communications Group – Lianne		In Progress
Comms Conference Sponsorship by Forum – Lianne to send email		In Progress
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pull together members for template/reporting conversation to review potential report 2. Djirra doing a draft 3. Meeting to be set up with NIAA to progress conversation 		In Progress
Forward Webinar details		In Progress