



Member's Newsletter: June 2024

Message from our Chair

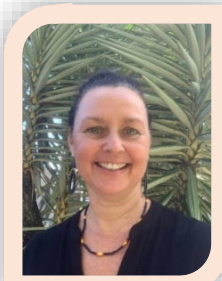


Hello Members! It was great to connect with some of you at QIFVLS' second annual 'Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence' Forum in Gimuy/Cairns last month. The team and I were so pleased with the turnout, and the many learnings that came from the in-depth presentations and great yarns that were had across the three days.

During the Forum, we also learnt of the recommendations of the final NLAP Review, which overall are very much in favour of increased investment in our sector. We will be sure to follow through on our calls for immediate action by Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to develop an implementation plan that will progress the recommendations of Dr Warren Mundy's report. Lastly, the Forum team are commencing work on a Sector Strengthening Plan for domestic, family, and sexual violence following endorsement by the Coalition of Peaks for us to take the lead, so stay tuned for updates in that space. Have a great month!

- Wynetta Derwis, Chair

From the CEO's Desk



May was a big month here at the Forum - it included analysing and responding to the release of the final NLAP Review Report, attending the QIFVLS Conference, getting started on the Sector Strengthening Plan, and being in Canberra for the announcement of the Federal Budget. Last week our team attended the QIFVLS conference and took advantage of being in the one location to work through some projects together. Here's a picture as an example of us working as a team after the NLAP Review Report was released and pictures us working to get a media release together in response to the report. Not the best shot, but it shows how we worked together to get this out.



Also, having been endorsed by the Coalition of Peaks as the Peak group to develop a sector strengthening plan (SSP) for DFSV, we have been navigating the process and what is required. We have started to draft a needs assessment (scoping document) that will inform the SSP and will update you and get feedback as this rolls out. I am aware that we have recently increased our communications with all members, and this is likely to continue as we begin to expand our projects and continue to seek your valuable input.

With the Federal Election likely to be just around the corner, we will work on intensifying our campaigning to all sides of politics aiming for action on current NLAP recommendations and future contracts and beyond for investment into the sector regardless of the election outcome. Wishing you all a great month!

- Kerry Staines, CEO



Latest News, Policies, Submissions

NLAP Review Final Report

As you are all very aware the Commonwealth Attorney-General has released Dr. Warren Mundy's *Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25* (NLAP Review). The report can be viewed here: [Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25 | Attorney-General's Department \(ag.gov.au\)](#). Our messaging in response to the report is that we are very pleased regarding the recommendations in the report and are now asking the Government to support the report and to invest in its recommendations. We have started joint meetings with both NIAA and the AG Department to begin discussing the transition. You should have these dates in your diary. The next meeting scheduled is on 11 June at 2pm to prepare for the meeting with NIAA and the AGD on 12 June. The other date to keep in mind is 26 June at 12:30pm for a joint meeting in Canberra with the Attorney General and Minister Burney.

Policy Working Group

The first FVPLS Sector Policy Working Group was held on 22 May 2024. Members connected with each other, discussed the work everyone does and were invited to share any ideas, wins, challenges or barriers encountered in their roles so the Forum can see how we can add value. Meetings have been scheduled bi-monthly but may be held more frequently if needed. Ideally, we would like to include jurisdictional updates in future agendas so we welcome any new Policy staff to join us! Please contact [Priya](#) or [Jenn](#) if you'd like to participate.

Grant Funding Opportunities

Information and grant documentation on the following open Grant Funding Opportunities has been circulated to members:

- [GO6949 National Women's Alliances](#) - closes 3 July 2024 (The Forum is looking to prepare a submission)
- GO6930 [National Justice Reinvestment Program Round 2](#) - closes 10 September 2024
- [Justice Reinvestment in Central Australia Program - Grant Opportunity – Round 2 \(G06929\)](#) - closes 10 September 2024
- WA ACCOs only - [Aboriginal Family Safety Grants Program - Tender DOCG202416942](#) - closes 2 July 2024.

The Forum's Annual Member's Conference in Port Lincoln

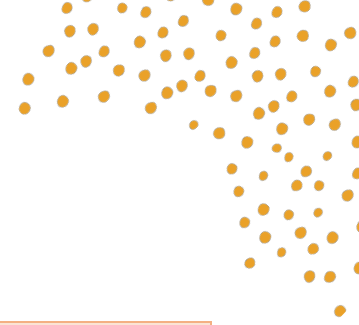
The conference will take place on Barnjarla Country at Port Lincoln, SA this year from October 15 to October 17h (with the 14th as a travel and arrival day for everyone, and the 17th or 18th for travelling back, depending on where home is). We're eager to hear your feedback and ideas on the draft agenda that was circulated to Members by email on June 4. Our program will commence from 8:30am on the 15th and finish with a site visit to FVLSAC Head Office for morning tea concluding by 11am on the 17th. Please let us know, as soon as possible, if you're unable to establish flights to leave on the 17th of October.

The Forum will cover costs of flights and accommodation for 2 people from each member service to attend. We will arrange accommodation for everyone at a local hotel, while members will book their own flights. The flights can be reimbursed by us upon receipt of an invoice and receipt of flights taken. If you want to send extra people at your own cost, please let us know.

Registration was due by 1st of June so you have not done so yet, please ensure each attendee completes **registration ASAP using the form here: [2024 NFVPLS Conference Registration Form.](#)**



NATIONAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICES FORUM



Marlo Slavin as SDME Officer will coordinate the event so please direct any questions and follow up to msslavin@qifvls.com.au or 0478 398 618.

Out and About



What a week we had in Gimuy/Cairns last month connecting with some of you and so many inspiring community leaders and organisations at Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS) second annual 'Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence' Forum.

Congratulations to the team at QIFVLS for providing a platform for our sector and beyond to share their work and connect through valuable conversations about the many wins and challenges being faced in their collective fight against indigenous family violence.

There were some heavy times and some healing times during the three-day event, including some amazing wellness activities like basket weaving, guided meditation, and local cultural tours that helped deepen our connections and reaffirm our commitment to our work.

Important dates

- Community of Practice meeting Tuesday 11th June at 1pm
- Preparation Meeting for our NIAA and AG meeting Tuesday the 11th June 2pm
- Meeting NIAA, AGD and Members Wednesday the 12th June at 2pm
- Parliament Visit AG Mark Dryfus and Minister Burney, Canberra, 26th June at 12 noon
- Upcoming Member's meetings
 - Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
 - Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
 - Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
- NFVPLS Forum Member's conference + AGM
 - 15 to 17 October 2024; Port Lincoln, South Australia
- Sector Conferences
 - [Ending Coercive Control, Family & Domestic Violence, July 25 to 25, Gadigal Land/Sydney Boulevard Hotel & Online](#)
 - [The sexual violence conference is in Sydney in August](#)