



## Member's Newsletter: October 2024

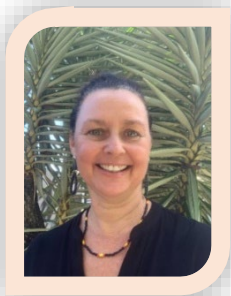
### Message from our Chair



Welcome Members! It's been a great few weeks of late with Kerry and I recently returning from a road trip through WA and the NT, meeting with some of you and your team members in community. I truly value the importance of meeting with our members on your country, visiting your services and hearing about your challenges, but also the good news stories and incredible work you all do which warms my heart. It's not long now until we all get to connect in person at our annual member's conference, which this year will be held in Port Lincoln, SA. The FNAAFV team and I are looking forward to sharing what we have been working on and hearing how 2024 has been for you and your services. See you soon!

*- Wynetta Dewis, Chair*

### From the CEO's Desk



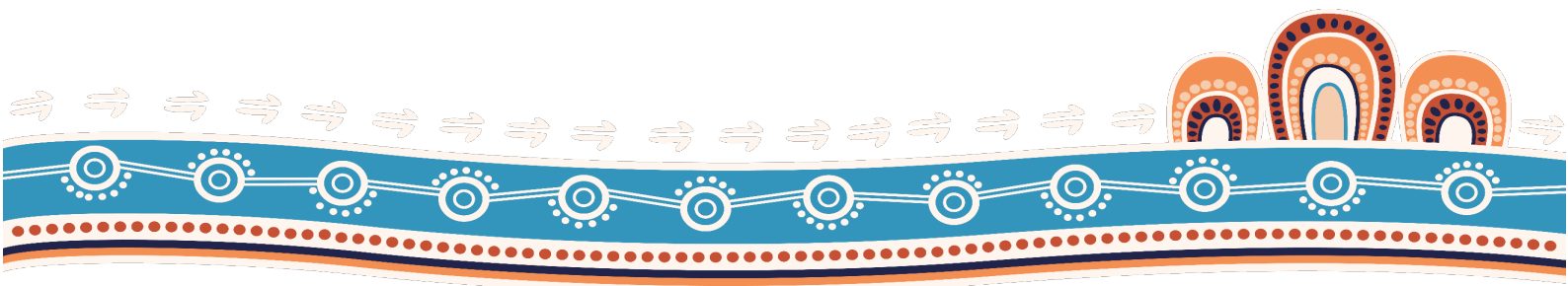
Hi everyone. It's less than a week until we can catch up face to face, and I'm really looking forward to connecting with everyone and introducing you to our new staff member Aunty Jenny Thompson who is our recently appointed Cultural Manager.

We are very aware of the many requests of late on services for information from us as your peak body, and we really try to limit how much we are asking from you at any given time. The FNAAFV team really appreciates your input, and we always try to do as much of the work as we can to lessen the load on you all. As a result of your input, we plan to present on both the data and workforce information next week to show you what we can achieve with pooled data across the member services.

Late last month, Wynetta and I had an amazing trip connecting with our WA and NT members. It is so great to connect with you at your place, and it really helps to spend that one-on-one time with each service to understand your current operating environment. Unfortunately, it is never long enough however we are grateful for the time. Wynetta and I set out to see all our member services this year and have just one to go - AFLSQ - which we are scheduling for after the conference next week.

See you all at our first AGM and in Port Lincoln next week. Safe travels to all.

*- Kerry Staines, CEO*





## Latest News, Policies, Submissions

### Heads of Agreement under the NAJP

The Heads of Agreement for the National Access to Justice Partnership agreed to by National Cabinet is now available here: [The Heads of Agreement for the National Access to Justice Partnership | Federation](#). As you can see, this is a high-level arrangement with details still to be settled over the coming months ahead of the new agreement commencing on 1 July 2025. The full National Access to Justice Partnership will be agreed through the Standing Council of Attorneys-General no later than 30 November 2024.

### Data Form Feedback

Thank you very much to members who have submitted their data forms. The data itself is invaluable as is the feedback you offered on the functionality of the form. We appreciate how painful the repeated extraction of data can be for you so look forward to streamlining this process. We will be taking the opportunity to workshop and reflect on data at the conference. If your service has not yet completed the data form, it remains open for submission. We encourage you to complete it so that your service can be counted and included in this process. [Link to the data form.](#)

### Workforce Development Strategy

Thank you to all members who have contributed through Workforce input meetings and surveys so far. Most services have now provided input, and this will give us a solid foundation for robust discussion when we meet in person at next week's conference. If you are yet to complete the input meeting and survey your service can still be a part of this at the conference and through a late submission. The Workforce Development Strategy will be drafted after it is workshopped at the conference. [Link to the workforce form.](#)

### EOI to attend Canberra Lobbying Trip – November 2024

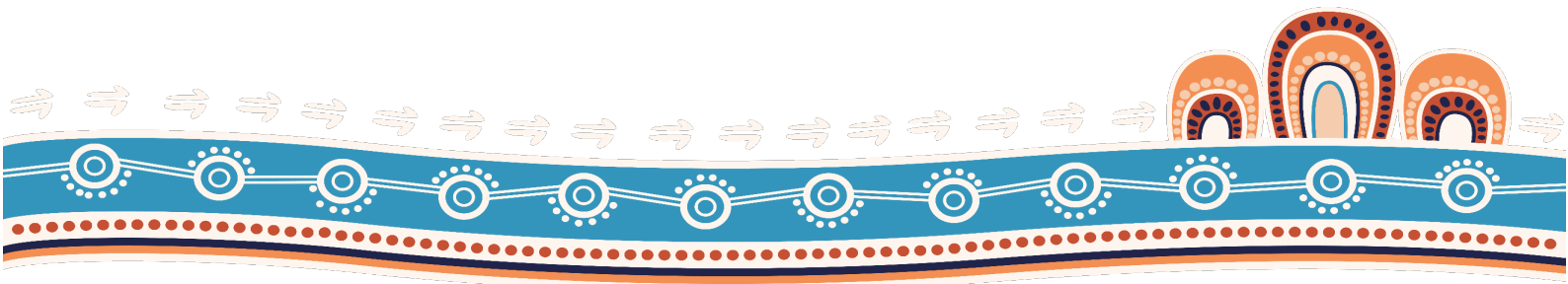
We are currently finalising our meeting schedule with various Ministers, Senators and Advisors for our two-day lobbying trip to Canberra on November 26-27 (Tuesday and Wednesday). Confirmed meetings:

- Kate Coleman, advisor to Minister Amanda Rishworth (26 Nov at 10:00am)
- Sen. Dorinda Cox (26 Nov at 1:00pm)
- Sen Liddle (27 Nov at 9:30am (45 min) – 4 people max in office due to space constraints
- Minister Kate Thwaites (27 Nov at 11:30am) – 4 people max in office due to space constraints

We are working on confirming meetings with Minister Kearney; Minister McCarthy & Mark Dreyfus, AGD; Senator Lambie, and Senator Liddle. We will update members as more meetings are scheduled. Please advise [Kerry](#) or [Kari](#) if you wish to attend, noting that travel and accommodation costs will be covered by members.

### 2024-25 FVPLS Pay Parity Funding

For those who have received a direct 'Invitation to apply' from NIAA for 2024-25 FVPLS Pay Parity funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the process involves submission of both a Needs Assessment and 2024-25 Pay Parity Application and there is no deadline for submitting this to NIAA. This can be submitted online via the link that NIAA provided and if members have any issues or queries regarding the process, please contact Cass Burgess at: [cassandra.burgess@niaa.gov.au](mailto:cassandra.burgess@niaa.gov.au). We recognise that this process may be burdensome for some members therefore if any FVPLS members require assistance with preparing their submissions, please reach out to [Jenn](#).





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### Online Forum: Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse

The Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse is hosting the first IJC Forum for the year on *Indigenous women and the criminal justice system: The criminalisation of women*. This online forum features experts from around Australia and includes time for questions and discussion. Details: 15 October 2024, 2:30 pm-4.30 pm AEDT. <https://www.indigenousjustice.gov.au/ijc-online-forum-15-october-2024-230-pm-4-30-pm-aedt/>

### Inform the Agenda – FVPLS engagement with Katie Kiss

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Katie Kiss will be attending our sector conference in person next week which will be a wonderful opportunity for us to connect. Following the conference, we have arranged for an online engagement for FVPLS members to provide input into key focus areas that:

- promote better engagement with First Nations Peoples
- create the conditions for better outcomes
- progress a reframed relationship between First Nations and the broader Australian community.

Members have been sent an invitation for Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October to participate and “Inform the Agenda”. Time zones for the start of the meeting are: 9:30am AWST, 11.00am ACST, 11:30am AEST, 12.00 ACDT, 12:30pm AEDT. Please let [Jenn](#) know if you can attend to ensure we have enough representatives.

### Community of Practice

The Community of Practice meeting on 3 October was well attended. We hosted two guest presenters including:

1. DFSV Commissioner Micaela Cronin who spoke about their [Yearly Report to Parliament](#) and the [Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches to End Gender-Based Violence](#) – both released August 2024.
2. Our Watch presented on their project [Changing the picture](#), a national resource to support the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children.

The CommOfPrac now has 86 registrations. The next meeting will take place **7 November 2024**. Please also be encouraged to both share with your networks, and to register yourself and/or join staff to this initiative. It will remain open, and even if people do not have time to join meetings, they are welcome to sign up to receive the correspondence and stay informed.

Link to registration: <https://firstnationsadvocatesagainfamilyviolence.snapforms.com.au/form/fnaafv-community-of-practice-registration>

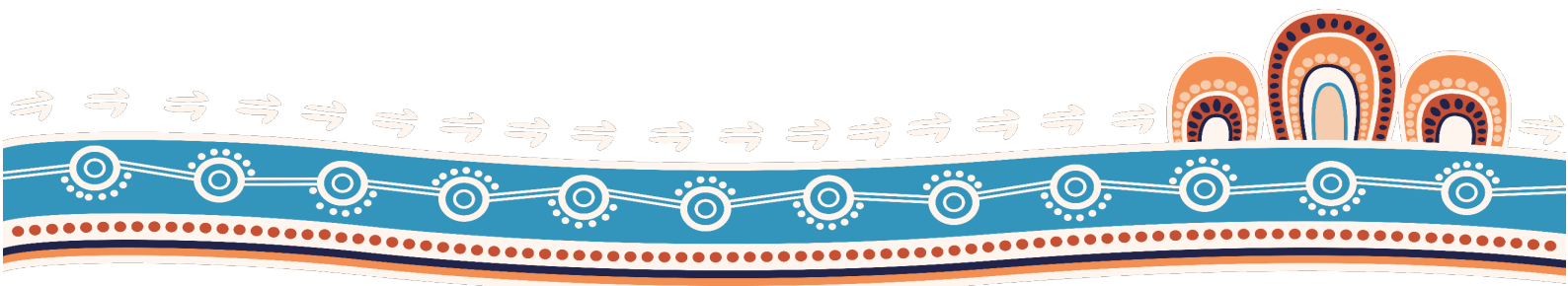
Contact [Marlo](#) if you have any queries about the CommofPrac.

### Family Safety Plan

Just a friendly reminder about the FVPLS engagement survey for the Family Safety Plan – now extended to 31 October. Members can either complete the survey via the link below:

<https://firstnationsadvocatesagainfamilyviolence.snapforms.com.au/form/acco-sector-engagement---our-ways--strong-ways--our-voices-national-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-family-safety-plan>

OR... if you would prefer to yarn, we can facilitate an engagement discussion via Teams with any FVPLS staff nominated. Please let [Jenn](#) know ASAP if this is your preference. FNAAFV have also drafted a paper for the public submissions process and shared this with members on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October for feedback – please reply to [Jenn](#) with any feedback by Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Click [here](#) for more information on the public submission process.





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### 16 Days of Activism campaign

We're planning a social media campaign to mark the '16 Days of Activism' initiative, which runs from Monday, November 25 to Tuesday, December 10 this year, and is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and children. We would like to do a small profile of each of your services during the campaign to really shine a light on the work of the FVPLS sector and how it aligns with the intention of the 16 Days of Activism campaign. If you are happy to be profiled, our Senior Communications Officer, Lianne Brown, will be in touch in the coming weeks to draft a profile for you that you are happy to have included in our online campaign.

## Out and About



### Road tripping through WA and the NT!

What a great week on the road connecting with some of you and your teams in Western Australia and the Northern Territory recently. Wynetta and Kerry spent the week with teams from Alice Springs, Fitzroy Crossing, Darwin, and Perth hearing about all the amazing work you're doing and learning about some of the challenges you face in service delivery, especially across such a large geographical footprint.

Thanks to the teams at Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service WA, Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit, Marninwarntikura Family Violence Prevention Unit WA, North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service and Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (sorry Heather we forgot to get a pic!) for having us!

## Important Dates

### Upcoming Member's meetings

- Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
- Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST

### FNAAFV Joint meeting with NIAA, AG and DSS – Transition from NIAA to AG + contract negotiations

- 30 October 2024 - 1:30-2:30pm
- 27 November 2024 - 1:30-2:30pm
- 18 December 2024 - 1:30-2:30pm (last Wednesday before Christmas closure)

### External Conferences

- 25 to 27 November 2024, [Stop Domestic Violence Conference](#), Adelaide
- 3 to 6 December 2024, [2nd National Family Safety Summit](#), Perth

