



Member's Newsletter: January 2022

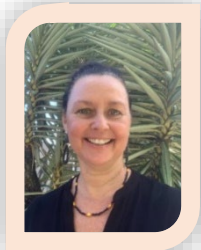
Message from our Chair



Wynetta is currently on leave and hopefully resting up and enjoying her time off.

She will be back to share her monthly update in the next edition of the Member's Newsletter.

From the CEO's Desk



Hi everyone and Happy New Year! Here we come 2022. I hope you all had a little down time over the break and enjoyed some time with friends and family. Last year was a big year for FNAAFV becoming a newly formed incorporation, amongst other things. We also spent time last year building our little team and laying the foundations to ensure we support our members to deliver in your communities. We will welcome a new staff member this month and I will introduce her to you all once she is on deck in a new role as Strategic Director.

Our focus for 2022 will remain on providing support and advocacy for you as our members as we begin to navigate new contracts, build stronger relationships and drive our purpose to:

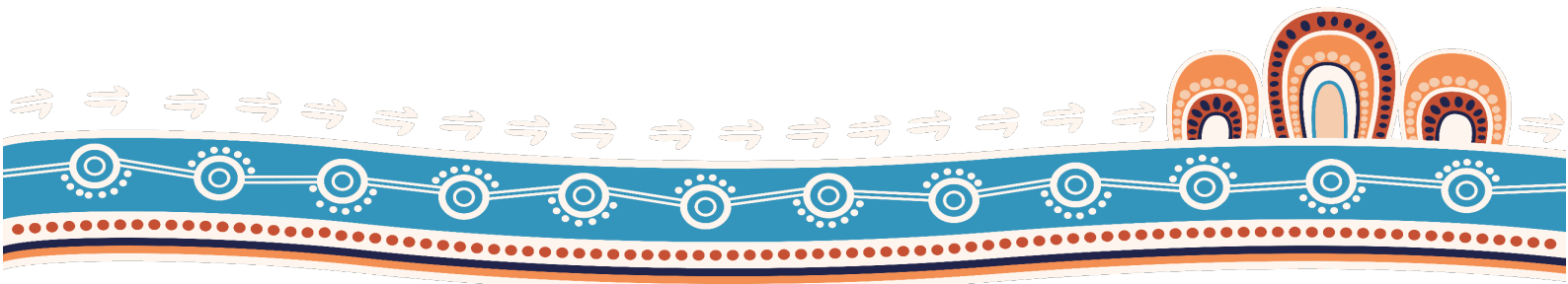
**'Be the leading National Voice in family violence for First Nations people,
supporting our members to foster healing,
resilience and safety in First Nations communities'**

This is a quick newsletter to touch base with you all and share a few important items that are coming quickly. Firstly, we have the next **joint scheduled meeting with the AG's Department, NIAA, FVPLS** on the 29th of January. We will send out an agenda prior and arrange a time to meet beforehand, so keep an eye out for an email from Marlo.

In terms of the **Performance Reporting Templates** - we have not heard if the new reporting template has yet been distributed (except to everyone by us here at FNAAFV) so keep an eye out for that one also. The Pay Parity funding is due to be disturbed by the end of the month and **NIAA is progressing submitted applications as a matter of priority, and we will have a more informative update with individual services in the coming week.**

As always please reach out if you need any support.

- Kerry Staines, CEO





Latest News, Policies, Submissions

Heads of Agreement under the NAJP

Following the signing of the NAJP Heads of Agreement by all jurisdictions at the end of November, we are now in phase two of the transition from NLAP to NAJP which will take us up to the end of this financial year. This will progress negotiation of individual contracts. FNAAFV is currently seeking pro bono support to assist with interpretation, negotiation and implementation processes regarding the NAJP going forward. One clause on which we did not receive prior consultation is clause 27, which means the jurisdictions have a discretion to delegate administration of FVPLS to another community legal service provider. The NSW AG has determined to delegate administration to Legal Aid. In response to this, FNAAFV swiftly initiated discussions with Legal Aid, NSW and the Commonwealth AGD to advocate for NSW members. This dialogue is ongoing. More detail on the most recent and upcoming NAJP discussions are in the meeting minutes with Commonwealth Departments on 27 November 2024, which were emailed by Marlo on 19 December 2024. Also see the FVPLS Sector Development Update circulated to members by email 20 December 2024. If you have questions or would like to discuss the NAJP please contact [Marlo](#).

Grant Opportunity: Innovation Fund (National Child Safety & Family Investment Strategy) - GO7405

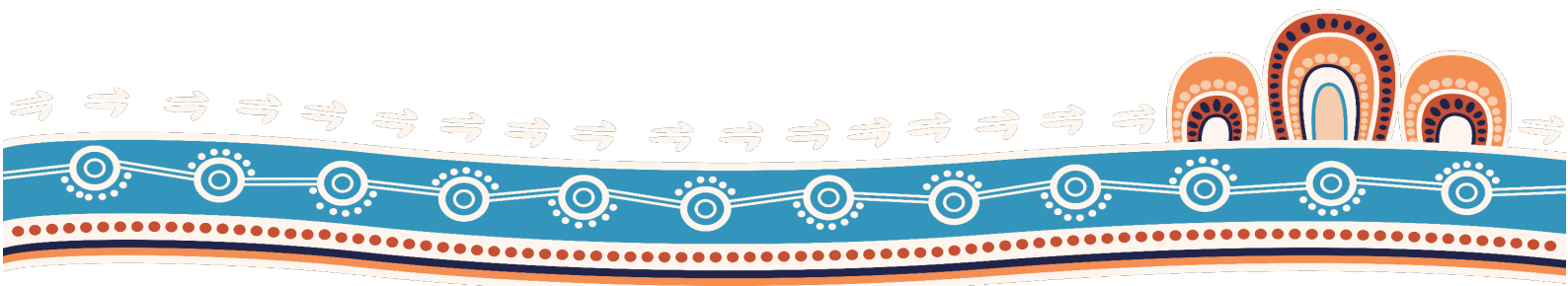
The Australian Government (DSS) is inviting organisations currently delivering or seeking to deliver child and family services in select locations in each state and territory to apply for funding under the Innovation Fund through a targeted competitive grant process. Funding is available to assist organisations to test and prepare for the phased transfer of resources and funding for child and family service delivery to ACCOs; and shift service delivery focus to prevention and early supports for children and families. As the Innovation Fund seeks to grow the ACCO sector, non-Indigenous organisations will be required to partner with an ACCO for this grant opportunity. The Innovation Fund will provide up to \$8.573 million over 3 years, with individual projects eligible to receive up to \$1.2 million. The grant opportunity opened 8th January and closes 5th February 2025. See this link for more information and priority locations: [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7405: GrantConnect](#). For any enquiries, please reach out to Celeste Orr (Celeste.ORR@dss.gov.au) and CC the Design and Implementation mailbox (DesignandImplementation@dss.gov.au).

NIAA Change in Grant Agreement Manager / Progress Reporting

For all matters relating to the administration of FVPLS and FVPLS Third Action Plan Grant Agreements including performance and expenditure reports, budgets and payments, please contact GMUCanberra@niaa.gov.au For any urgent matters, please contact Vicki Schuhardt on (02) 6152 3201 or Vicki.Schuhardt@niaa.gov.au. If any members require FNAAFV's assistance with navigating the updated NIAA Progress Reporting Template, please reach out to [Jenn](#).

Input Opportunity: First Nations Disability Forum

The Department of Social Services is seeking input on how a First Nations Disability Forum could be designed, in response to all governments accepting in principle the Disability Royal Commission (Royal Commission) recommendation 9.10 to establish a First Nations Disability Forum. In July 2024, all governments accepted in principle Disability Royal Commission (Royal Commission) recommendation 9.10





to establish a First Nations Disability Forum (Forum). Governments committed to work in partnership with First Nations people to develop options for a Forum or other appropriate shared decision-making mechanism (see [Australian Government Response to the Royal Commission](#) and respective state and territory responses).

Responses will help shape future advice to government about the Royal Commission's recommendation to establish a Forum (recommendation 9.10). In particular, how a shared decision-making Forum could work in practice. The closing date for submissions is January 28, 2025. You can provide a response either by using the available spaces or a separate attachment using the [Make a submission](#) form. If you experience any issues with using the online portal, you can also submit a response via post: Australia's Disability Strategy Branch, Department of Social Service, GPO Box 9820, Canberra ACT 2601; by email: adsfirstnations@dss.gov.au ; by phone: [02 5162 7335](tel:0251627335). More information is available here - [First Nations Disability Forum | engage.dss.gov.au](#)

Important Dates

Upcoming FNAAFV Member's meetings

- Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
- Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST

Member & External Conferences

- 3rd National Indigenous Justice Forum, Naarm/Melbourne, 25 – 28 February
- QIFVLS' 2025 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Forum, Yugambeh/Gold Coast, 27 – 29 May

