



Member's Newsletter: February 2022

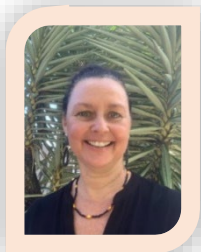
Message from our Chair



Hello Members! We've had a solid start to 2025, most notably confirming the appointment of Dr Warren Mundy as our inaugural Independent Director on our Board. Dr Mundy has been a staunch ally of our sector for many years, immersing himself in the work of the FVPLS' when compiling the *'Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) 2020-25'*. He joined the Board for our first meeting of the year in Meanjin/Brisbane last month, which included some practical governance training for the group. During the meeting, we also discussed the location of this year's FNAAFV Member's Conference, which I am pleased to announce will be in Perth later this year. We will share the details with you shortly. Speaking of WA, I'll be there this week supporting our AFLS colleagues to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their Ochre Ribbon campaign. Congratulations to Corina and the team for such a significant milestone.

- *Wynetta Dewis, Board Chair*

From the CEO's Desk



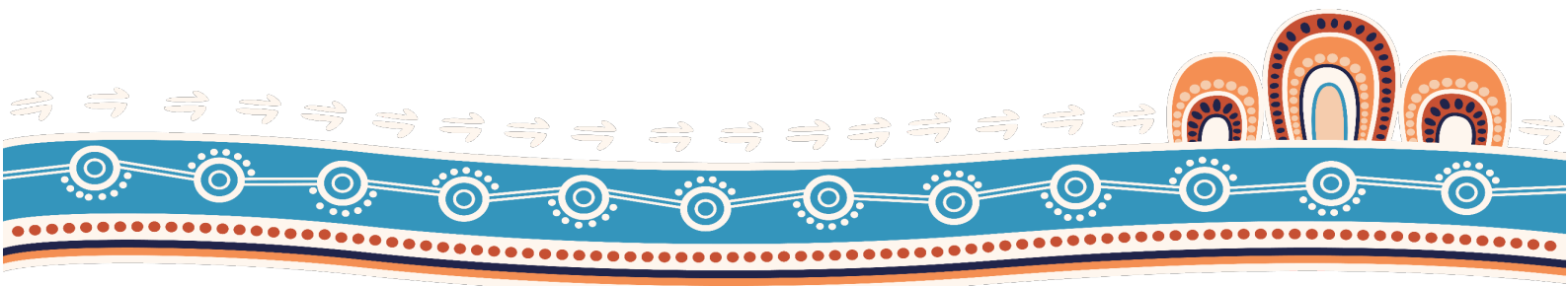
Hi Members. We have set a cracking pace for 2025 already, and as everyone is saying, "I can't believe that we are in February already!" At the start of the month, the team and I met face-to-face to work on our objectives for the year in supporting members, how we will continue to raise the profile of the FVPLS sector and showcase all your great work. We are now in the process of finalising our implementation (operational) plan for this year. We have set the bar high for our little team as we are determined to be a great PEAK that represents your needs.

The first six months of 2025 has a heavy focus on contracts and transition to AG. I have been very clear with all government departments that the FVPLS is a united sector with our strength being place-based, community led, unique service delivery.

We have also turned our attention to supporting all your efforts to participate in and promote Ochre Ribbon Week and it great to see the ground swell of support in this 10-year anniversary. Well done to everyone!

As always please reach out if you need any support.

- *Kerry Staines, CEO*





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Input into the IVY Study re: Intimate Partner Violence in Youth Cohorts

The IVY Study is an Australian response to the use of Intimate partner Violence by Young People that aims to build understanding of the extent to which young people's use of intimate partner violence (IPV) can be understood as distinct from adult-perpetrated violence. It will also explore how services and agencies across Australia are currently responding to this cohort.

There is an opportunity to participate in a professional survey regarding intimate partner violence in youth cohorts. The survey closes this month, so if you wish to complete the survey, please read the information contained in the participant information sheet (PIS) linked here: [Participant information sheet - The Ivy Study](#).

Survey eligibility

- Professionals working in a service and/or agency in Australia that deliver or refer to services to young people (please refer to PIS for eligible services [Participant information sheet - The Ivy Study](#))
- Professionals include those involved in managing, operating, and delivering services to young people.
- Also includes professionals referring clients to or receiving referrals from services in contact with young people.

If you would like more information about the project and/or this request, please contact IVYProject@aifs.gov.au or visit [The IVY Study: Towards an Australian response to the use of intimate partner violence by young people - ANROWS - Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety](#).

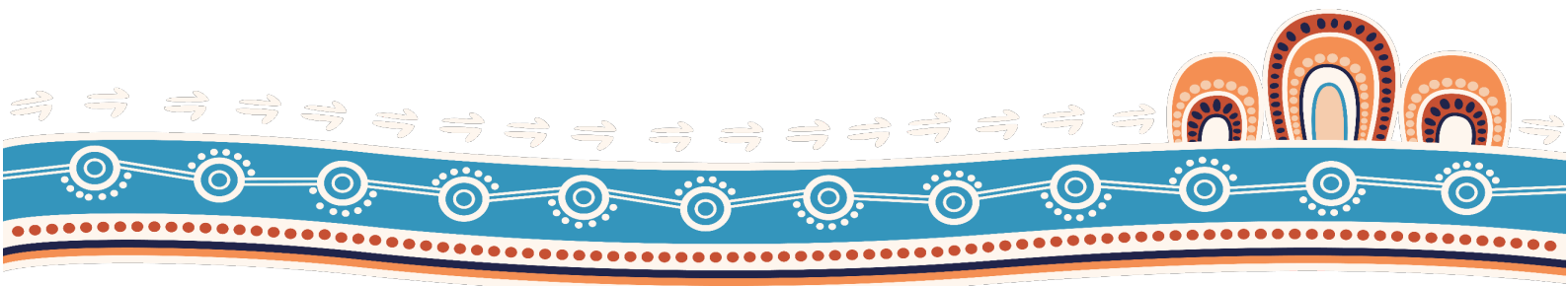
Board Governance Workshop

We had a great couple of days with our Board a few weeks ago. The first day was set aside for Governance training, and on the second day we held a face-to-face board meeting where we officially welcomed Dr Warren Mundy as an independent director. It was great timing to hear the full Board's thoughts on FNAAFV's strategic direction moving into 2025.



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](#).





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Grant Opportunities

- [National Child and Family Investment Strategy – Innovation Fund](#) – closes 12th February 2025
- [Strong and Resilient Communities Activity – Inclusive Communities](#) (SARC – IC) Round 4 Grants – closes 20th February 2025
- [2025 NAIDOC Local Grants Opportunity](#) – closes 20th February 2025
- [Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program](#) – Round 2 closes 31st March 2025
- [Good Things - Young Digital Mentor Capacity Builder Grant](#) – closes 7th March 2025
- [Mercy Foundation - Social Justice Small Grants](#) – closes 4th April 2025

FNAAFV Team Strategic Planning 2025

The FNAAFV team gathered on Gabi Gabi country earlier this month for their annual strategic planning workshop. It was a time to celebrate their many successes in 2024, as well as look to the future and plan our strategic priorities for 2025. The team is looking forward to building on what they have achieved by continuing to support Members to deliver their vital work in community.

FVPLS data collection by FNAAFV – January 2025 reports now due

A reminder for members to input your data into FNAAFV's data collection form as refreshed since the last reporting period: <https://firstnationsadvocatesagainstofamilyviolence.snapforms.com.au/form/data-form-2-july-24-jan-25>

This form is secure and designed to make the data submission process easy for you but if you encounter any difficulty using the interface or have an objection to it, please contact Marlo to raise issues for resolution and / or to make alternative arrangements to submit your data.

Email: msslavin@fnaafv.org.au OR 0478 398 618

As mentioned in our most recent members meeting, FNAAFV under NAJP will hold data centrally on behalf of members in a similar way that CLC peaks do. While it is still not compulsory for members to submit their data to FNAAFV, it will contribute to important sector development at this time if you can do so.

Important Dates

Upcoming FNAAFV Member's meetings

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

Member & External Conferences

- [Ochre Ribbon Week](#), 12 – 19 February
- [3rd National Indigenous Justice Forum](#), Naarm/Melbourne, 25 – 28 February
- [QIFVLS' 2025 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Forum](#), Yugambeh/Gold Coast, 27 – 29 May

