



## Member's Newsletter: March 2025

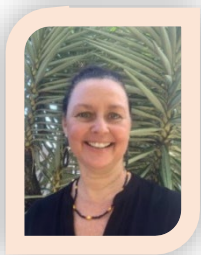
### Message from our Chair



Hello Members! As we await the announcement of the Federal Election, I've been reflecting on the advocacy and lobbying work that FNAAFV has been doing over the past year. We have successfully built relationships with all sides of Government; meeting with current and shadow ministers to ensure they understand the value of our work and the impact we are having in our communities. It has been great to have you on this journey, so thank you. More recently, I joined Kerry to attend the Justice Policy Partnership meeting in Adelaide which focuses on Targets 10 and 11 under Closing the Gap. The initiative is an opportunity to ensure that Victims of DFSV form a part of the planning and embed the needs of our women and children, so it was great to bring FNAAFV's voice to the table. Please note that next month I am taking some leave from April 7 to April 21, and will return to work Tuesday, April 22.

- *Wynetta Dewis, Board Chair*

### From the CEO's Desk

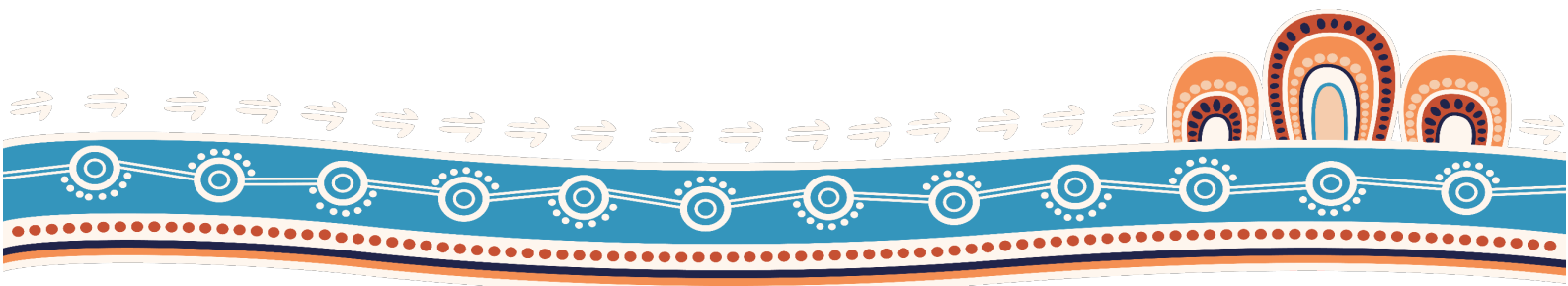


Hi Members, Going by our recent discussions, I can see that you are all gearing up for quite a few things that are outside your day-to-day business such as contract negotiations, elections, and applying for an array of grant opportunities. In preparation for the Federal Election (date to be advised as of March 18), we have developed a communication strategy that we will deploy in the lead up to and post the federal election campaign. You can access the strategy in the Resources tab (Policies and Procedures) on the Member's Portal.

We were recently asked to provide some input into the Independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Led Review of Closing the Gap. **The national survey and submissions process are now open, and the Coalition of PEAKS is asking for your support in [sharing the links to the Coalition of Peaks website](#) with your members and networks.** Corina has been approached and she has accepted to be FNAAFV's representative at the Assembly to be held in April to workshop responses for the review.

In the coming months, we plan to have two sitting parliament group meetings for FNAAFV and members to connect directly with Federal Ministers. At this stage we will look at the first week of June for the first visit but will keep you posted on confirmed dates. We will also be refreshing our policy positions for this year and will share these in due course. I'd like to wish you all a Happy Easter and ANZAC Day if I don't get to see you prior to going on leave, which will be for all of April and returning on May 5. In my absence Jenn FitzGerald will be the main point of contact for the team, but feel free to reach out to anyone.

- *Kerry Staines, CEO*





## Latest News, Policies, Submissions

### The Closing the Gap Dashboard data update from the Productivity Commission Released

The latest update to the Closing the Gap Dashboard was released on March 12, and is available here:

<https://www.pc.gov.au/closing-the-gap-data/dashboard>

FNAAFV has made an [urgent call](#) for enhanced data and accountability to achieve the targets, and we have publicly expressed our concern that at least four of the targets are nowhere near to being met. In particular, Target 13 and an alarming lack of data available to measure any progress.

### National Survey on the Independent review Closing the Gap

Clause 125 of the Closing the Gap Agreement stipulates that an independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander review must be conducted every three years. This review builds on the 2024 Productivity Commission Review but focuses on the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations involved in implementing the Agreement. The review is a national initiative that captures the perspectives and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaged in implementing the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (Closing the Gap Agreement). This is about self-determination in action. It's about holding governments accountable for their commitments and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to drive the change we need.

<https://www.coalitionofpeaks.org.au/independent-review-of-closing-the-gap>

### Kimberley 'US Without Abuse' campaign gains momentum

Congratulations to the team at Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre, in partnership with Kimberley Legal Services, for the successful launch of your 'US Without Abuse' campaign, which by all accounts is gaining plenty of momentum across the Kimberley. The multi-channel campaign features the music of international superstar P!nk, with her popular song 'What About Us' as the centrepiece of the storytelling campaign including this impactful video: <https://youtu.be/FD7gdfbDzUA>

### Federal Election Strategic Communications Campaign

To reinforce a solid year of advocacy and lobbying work, as Wynetta spoke about in her Chair's Message earlier in the newsletter, we have developed a strategic communications plan around the upcoming Federal Election. The goal is to reinforce the critical role that our sector plays in addressing DFSV in our communities, and to ensure our stability and sustainability no matter the outcome of the election. Our campaign will play out on our social media channels and in a series of proactive media activities, all with the following key message as our focus:

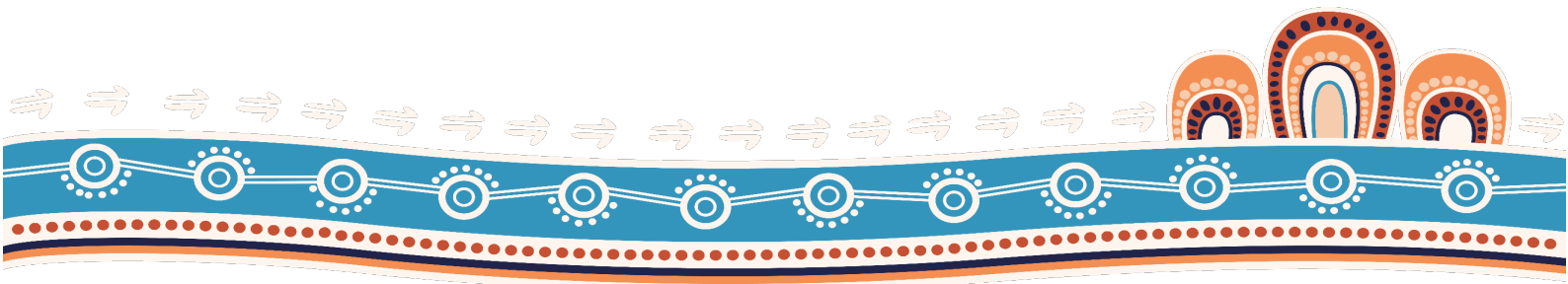
What FNAAFV wants to see from a new term of Government is a commitment to the stability and sustainability of the FVPLS sector so they can continue to support their communities impacted by domestic, family, and sexual violence.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

#### The Paul Ramsay Foundation (PRF) are offering grants for ACCOs, valued up to \$500,000 each (closing 7 April)

The purpose of this grant round is to fund initiatives that strengthen capacity and capability for leadership, governance, advocacy and collaboration. Grants are only available for targeted locations of Tasmania, the Northern Territory, the Torres Strait, regional and remote Queensland, and regional and remote South Australia. **Please note:** recipients of previous grant funding from PRF are ineligible to apply. Need free support with preparing a submission? No problem at all, just contact Thirriwirri via email at [info@thirriwirri.org](mailto:info@thirriwirri.org).

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- [Register](#) to join the online information session on 26 March 2025.
- Click here for more information: <https://www.paulramsayfoundation.org.au/news-resources/first-nations-targeted-grant-round>.

### **QBE Foundation are offering grants of \$50,000 under the 'Inclusion' category (closing 3 April 2025)**

The grants are aiming to increase access to opportunities and resources for groups in our communities who experience exclusion or are marginalised in society. Initiatives aim to ensure our “whole” community is acknowledged and has the opportunity to contribute and in doing that we all benefit. Initiatives may address **reconciliation**, LGTBQ+ inclusion and **gender equality**. More information is available here: [Australia Pacific QBE Foundation local grants | QBE AU](#)

### **Qantas Regional Grants Program (closing 10 May)**

Qantas are looking to help regional communities sustain brighter futures by providing financial, flight and marketing support to charities, organisations, projects and individuals. More information is available here: [Qantas Regional Grants | Qantas](#)

### **Data Reporting Form**

A friendly reminder that FNAAFV is asking members to enter data to our online for here:

<https://firstnationsadvocatesagainstofamilyviolence.snapforms.com.au/form/data-form-2-july-24-jan-25>

We will ask this of you in line with each reporting period. To minimise the burden of this, a list of only 6 questions have been formulated in addition to your annual reporting, and, we have extracted only some parts from your NIAA report template to ask you for a copy of that. An email was circulated to members on Wed 12/03/2025 10:04 AM, by Marlo, with attached PDFs of the form sections, information you can relay to relevant staff to communicate this request. Please submit your data as soon as possible because this request is for your January 2025 reporting period.

**Contact Marlo if you have questions or need assistance: [mmlavin@fnaafv.org.au](mailto:mmlavin@fnaafv.org.au)**

### **NIAA Grant Agreement Manager / Progress Reporting**

For all matters relating to the administration of NIAA FVPLS and FVPLS Third Action Plan Grant Agreements including performance and expenditure reports, budgets and payments, please contact [GMUCanberra@niaa.gov.au](mailto:GMUCanberra@niaa.gov.au) For any urgent matters, please contact Vicki Schuhardt on (02) 6152 3201 or [Vicki.Schuhardt@niaa.gov.au](mailto:Vicki.Schuhardt@niaa.gov.au).

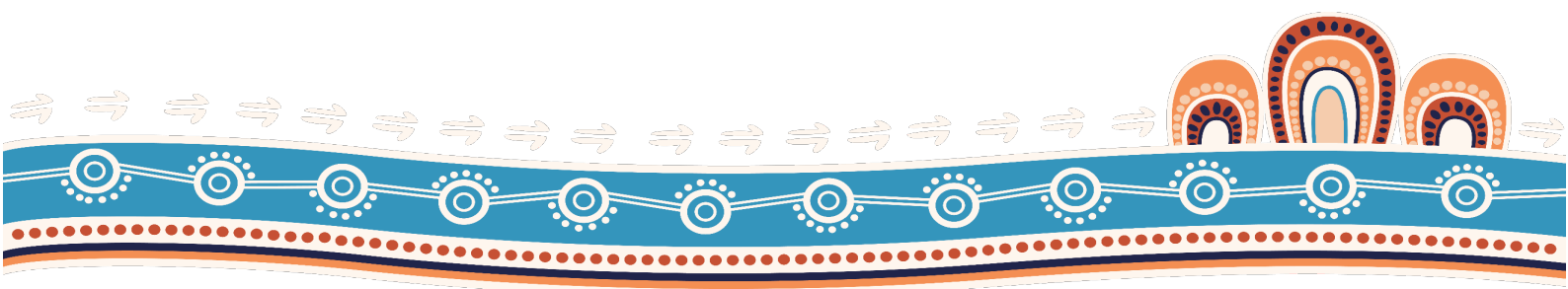
### **NAJP pro bono support with transition to new contracts**

All 14 of our member services have opted in for KWM's pro-bono support with the NAJP transition.

To best manage the workload, for jurisdictions where there is more than one FVPLS, KWM will provide their support to the whole group of services within the jurisdiction together as one. There will be one shared service agreement per jurisdiction and the communications will be streamlined in a reply all manner with FNAAFV copied. This way, a sort of Q&A forum will be created for the benefit of the jurisdiction and FNAAFV can assist to facilitate. We don't anticipate any issues with this but as always if you have concerns or out of the box questions, raise them with me as they arise, and we'll seek to resolve, quickly. Service agreements with KWM are being prepared now and we should hear more again soon. In the meantime, if you have NAJP transition news from your jurisdiction, or queries I (Marlo) welcome hearing from you.

### **2025 FNAAFV Member's Conference**

All This year's conference will be held in Perth on the dates of 4-5 November, with 6 November currently held as the day of our site visit to AFLSWA's Perth office. Date claimers have been sent, with 3 November and 7 November held as expected travel days for all non-Perth attendees. Please keep an eye out for the registration email coming soon!





## Important Dates

### Upcoming FNAAFV Member's meetings

- Meeting with AGD & NIAA, Wednesday, March 26 at 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST
- Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 2:30pm – 4pm AEST

### Member & External Conferences

- [National Close The Gap Day](#), March 20
- [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#), March 21
- [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#), April
- [Domestic Violence Remembrance Day](#), May 7
- [QIFVLS' 2025 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Forum](#), Yugambah/Gold Coast, 27 – 29 May

