

First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence Annual Report 2024 - 2025



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ADVOCATES AGAINST
FAMILY VIOLENCE**

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Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging for they hold the memories, traditions, the culture, and hopes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We recognise their enduring connection to land, waters, and community.



As we reflect on our achievements and look to the future, we commit to fostering an environment of respect, collaboration, and reconciliation.

FNAAFV has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the content of this annual report is considerate, aware and sensitive to the needs of our communities and the wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this report may contain names/pictures of deceased persons.

The FVPLS Ecosystem

Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) are specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations that deliver culturally safe legal and non-legal services to First Nations women and children affected by domestic, family, and sexual violence. FVPLS provide a wrap around, holistic service delivery model because they understand it is necessary to address the interconnected factors that cause family violence as well as the needs of First Nations people affected by family violence. Their service delivery includes case management, court support, child protection advice and intervention, service system referrals, advocacy, kinship liaison, outreach and education, and recovery and healing programs. FVPLS also provide clients and their children with specialist legal services and support in relation to family violence, protective restraining orders, child protection, victims of crime compensation, and witness assistance law.



Court Support

Assistance getting to and from court; support while appearing in court.



Mediation Support & Counselling

Access to mediation and counselling services; support while participating.



Education

Community events to raise awareness of DFSV; community legal education circuits.



Advocacy

Legal advocacy to prevent unnecessary child removal, child safety advocacy.



Family Support

Provide access to therapeutic and legal support for the whole family, as needed.



Therapeutic Support

Culturally safe professional counselling.



Programs & Workshops

Strength and resilience programs; prison counselling; school education programs for children.



Assistance Accessing ID & Supporting Documentation

Support with applications for identification documentation, blue cards, Medicare cards.



Access to Housing

Linking clients with housing service providers.



Case Management

Support to navigate complex systems and access services.



Legal Services

Mediation for early resolution of disputes; protective restraining orders; child protection; victims of crime compensation; and witness assistance law.



Support Navigating the Child Protection System

Provision of clear, accessible explanations of how the system works and what a person's rights and responsibilities are.



Connection to Community

Liaison with kinship networks.



Access to Medical Support

Link clients to medical providers.

About First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence



First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) was established as a national peak body in 2012 and works in collaboration with its members from the Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) sector to increase access to justice for First Nations peoples and communities affected by domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) – predominantly women and children.

As a newly incorporated, self-determined, and community-controlled national peak body, FNAAFV provides expert national advice in areas of policy, planning and law reform, and advocates for safety and justice for First Nations peoples affected by family violence.

FNAAFV works with its members, communities, governments, and other partners to raise awareness about family violence affecting First Nations peoples, and advocates for culturally safe legal and holistic responses to this issue.

As the national peak body representing the FVPLS sector, FNAAFV's advocacy is grounded in the urgent need to protect, strengthen, and grow these services.

FNAAFV provides a unified voice for its FVPLS members in areas of national policy, planning and law reform, and representation as a member of the national Coalition of Peaks.

FNAAFV's work is informed by evidence, and we aim to ensure that all strategic planning and policy positions link to the Closing the Gap Agreement and Priority Reforms; National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children and associated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2023-2025.



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Chairperson's Report



This past year has been a momentous one for First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV), marking our first year as a standalone organisation. It has been a busy and rewarding year, full of challenges, achievements, and meaningful progress in our mission to support First Nations women and children affected by domestic and family violence.

I would like to sincerely thank our Board - Deputy Chair, Phee Clarke, Director, Corina Martin, Director, Kathleen Wincen and Independent Director, Dr Warren Mundy for their dedication, guidance, and commitment to our vision. Your expertise, insight, and passion has been invaluable as we continue to strengthen our governance and expand our impact.

This year, we reached several significant milestones, including the successful transitioning of our own services and supporting our members as they moved from NIAA to AGD arrangements with their respective state and territory departments. We also commenced our important work with DSS on the Sector Strengthening Plan for domestic and family violence. These achievements are a testament to the dedication, commitment, and hard work of our members, staff, and partners.

I want to particularly acknowledge our FVPLS members for their unwavering commitment and tireless work in supporting women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. Your advocacy, care, and courage make a profound difference every day, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts.

I also extend my thanks to the FNAAFV staff, whose professionalism, support, and dedication to both the Board and members have been essential to our success. Your hard work enables us to operate effectively, respond to challenges, and achieve meaningful outcomes.

I would also like to thank our CEO, Kerry Staines, for her exceptional leadership, vision, and determination. Kerry's guidance has been instrumental in advancing FNAAFV, navigating our first year as an independent entity, and laying the foundations for a strong and sustainable future.

We are also grateful to our partners and supporters, whose collaboration and generosity have strengthened our work and helped us reach more women and children in need. Their contribution underscores the importance of collective action in addressing family violence.

Every day, I am inspired by the courage of the women and children we support and the dedication of our members and staff who work tirelessly on their behalf. As we look ahead, we remain committed to amplifying the voices of our women and children, building capacity, advocating for change, and creating safer futures for First Nations communities.

— *Wynetta Dewis, Chair*

A Message from our Chief Executive Officer

I am honored to present First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) Annual Report for the 2024–2025 financial year. I acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we operate, and I extend that respect to our Elders past and present.



The past year has been one of deep listening of our membership and a continued commitment to strong action to guide meaningful change. Steered by the strong leadership of the Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) sector, we continue to walk the path of self-determination and justice together, all with the shared vision to deliver safer communities for our families.

This year we navigated many challenges including negotiating new funding arrangements, applying for pay parity uplift funding, and participating in the establishment of working groups under the National Access to Justice Partnership for the next two-year transition period. While these challenges have sometimes proven challenging, our members have remained resilient and unified.

We also celebrated many highlights this year as a peak and a sector, including:

- Secured a commitment from the Federal Government for a five-year funding package for the FVPLS sector
- FNAAFV was endorsed as the lead PEAK on the Sector Strengthening Plan project
- Successfully rebranded FNAAFV from its former identity as The National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Forum
- Established a dedicated grants function within FNAAFV to strengthen our capacity to secure funding and attract donations in support of the sector
- Attracted additional funding for projects such as small grants available to members, a marketing project that will highlight the impact of the FVPLS sector, and an additional day at the Member's Conference dedicated to the professional development of the sector's emerging leaders
- Grew the membership of the Community of Practice, which now sits over 150 members.

This progress would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff, the leadership of our board, and the trust of our communities. I thank each of you for your commitment, strength, and shared vision. I want to acknowledge the great leadership and support from Wynetta Dewis as our Chair, Phee Clarke as our Deputy Chair and the Directors, Corina Martin, Kathleen Wincin and our Independent Director Dr Warren Mundy to deliver on our strategic plan for FNAAFV, and ultimately our members.

I want to thank our team for their individual and shared efforts to deliver for the sector. We are a small team that continues to deliver on our strategy for our members. It is a privilege to work with so many passionate and talented people.

Moving forward, we look forward to challenging the systems and structures that create barriers for our Mob. We strive for innovation and new ways to elevate the voices of our members and those who are affected by violence. We aim to celebrate our achievements and continue to deliver on our five-year goals.

As we look to the future, our priorities remain clear: to support members, to uplift First Nations voices, the FVPLS sector, influence through policy reform, embed cultural authority in all that we do, and create systems that reflect our values and our sovereignty.

— *Kerry Staines, CEO*



Mission and Vision Statement

Our Vision

Our Vision is to create a future where all First Nations communities and individuals live free from the devastating impacts of family violence.

Our Purpose

Be the leading National voice in family violence affecting First Nations people, effectively advocating for reforms and working collaboratively with our members and partners to support the delivery of culturally sensitive, self-driven and holistic solutions that foster healing, resilience, and safety.

FNAAFV's Value Proposition

A community-controlled organisation working in partnership with its members, FNAAFV is uniquely placed to drive systems change.



FNAAFV is community controlled and committed to amplifying the work of our sector in the delivery of culturally appropriate responses to domestic, family, and sexual violence affecting our mob.



FNAAFV represents FVPLSs across the country. This evidence base means FNAAFV is uniquely placed to identify and address relevant policy, legal, and funding reforms.



Our members, the FVPLSs, deliver both legal and non-legal supports in community; therefore, we understand and advocate for holistic approaches to domestic, family, and sexual violence affecting our mob.



Access to a national service footprint allows FNAAFV to identify and facilitate opportunities for capacity building, share relevant learnings, and convene key players across the sector.



FNAAFV is committed to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, particularly Targets 12 & 13

Our Strategic Plan 2024 - 2029

Purpose

Be the leading National voice in family violence affecting First Nations people, effectively advocating for reforms, and working collaboratively with our members and partners to support the delivery of culturally sensitive, self-driven, and holistic solutions that foster healing, resilience, and safety.

How we work

Community-controlled
& Self Determined

Evidence-informed
& Impact Focused

Specialist Led

What we do

Advocate for policy, legal, non-legal, and funding reform

Build capacity and resources to support our members to deliver services

Engage the sector and key allies around key issues

Build evidence base around effective solutions

Strategic Priorities

1. Lift our Profile

Raise the profile of FNAAFV and our members, ensuring we are seen as the go-to organisations for domestic and family violence impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

2. Influence Policy

Influence policy, funding, legal, and non-legal reforms to support better outcomes in community. This will include advocacy and lobbying around particular issues impacting our members and our communities.

3. Support our Members

We work with our members to identify and facilitate the key areas of support that will help them to do their critical work in community.

Strategic Priorities: Dashboard of Progress

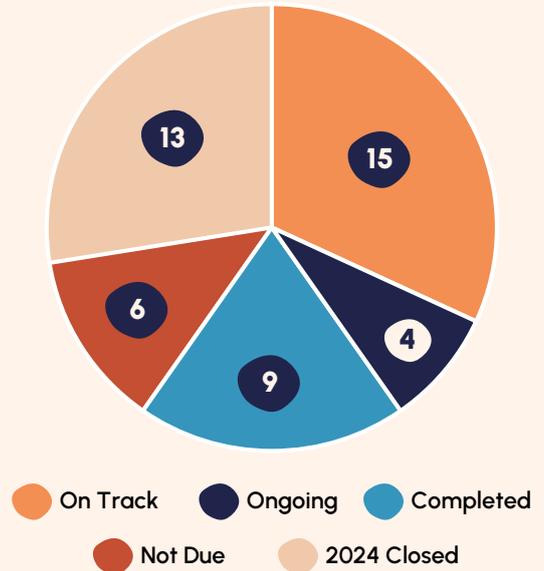
Since the launch of FNAAFV's 2024–2029 Strategic Plan, we are pleased to report strong progress across all four strategic priorities throughout the 2024/25 financial year.

Strategic Priority One: Lift Our Profile

Raise the profile of FNAAFV and our members, ensuring we are seen as the go-to organisations for domestic and family violence impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Progress

Of the 47 specific tasks and projects associated with Strategic Priority One, nine are complete, 15 are on track, four are ongoing, six are due to commence and 13 were closed in 2024.

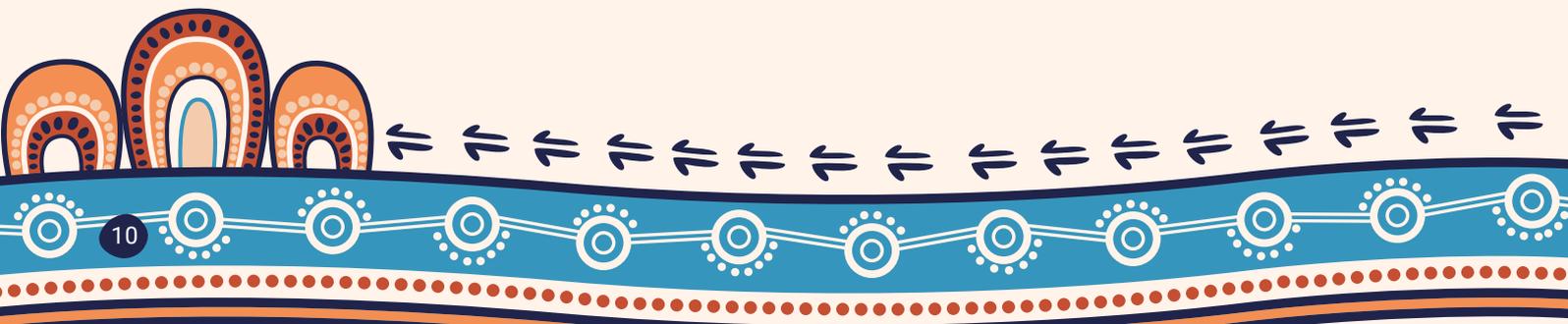
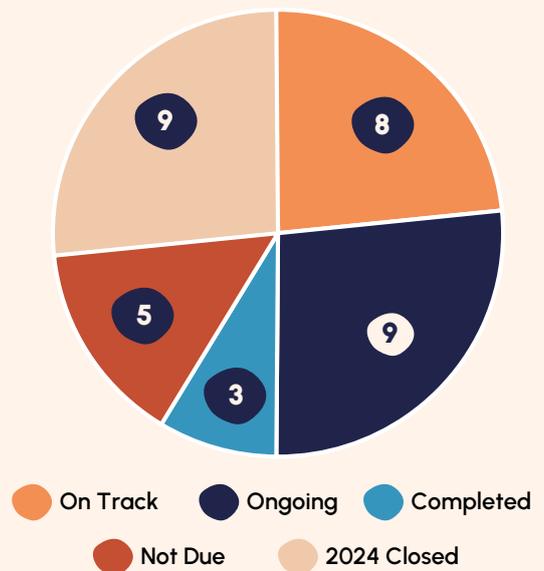


Strategic Priority Two: Influence Policy

Influence policy, funding, legal and non-legal reforms to support better outcomes in community. This will include advocacy and lobbying around particular issues impacting our members and our communities.

Progress

Of the 34 specific tasks and projects associated with Strategic Priority Two, three are complete, eight are on track, nine are ongoing, five are due to commence, and nine were closed in 2024.



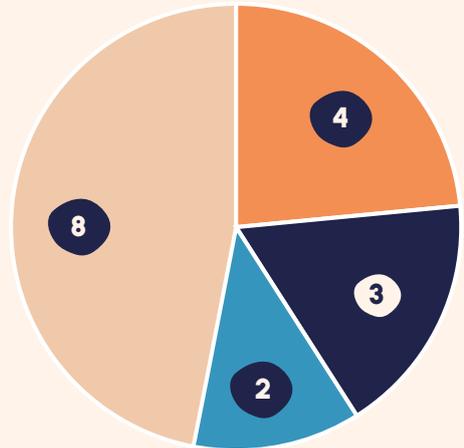


Strategic Priority Three: Support our Members

We work with our members to identify and facilitate the key areas of support that will help them to do their critical work in community.

Progress

Of the 17 specific tasks and projects associated with Strategic Priority Three, two are complete, four are on track, three are ongoing, and eight were closed in 2024.

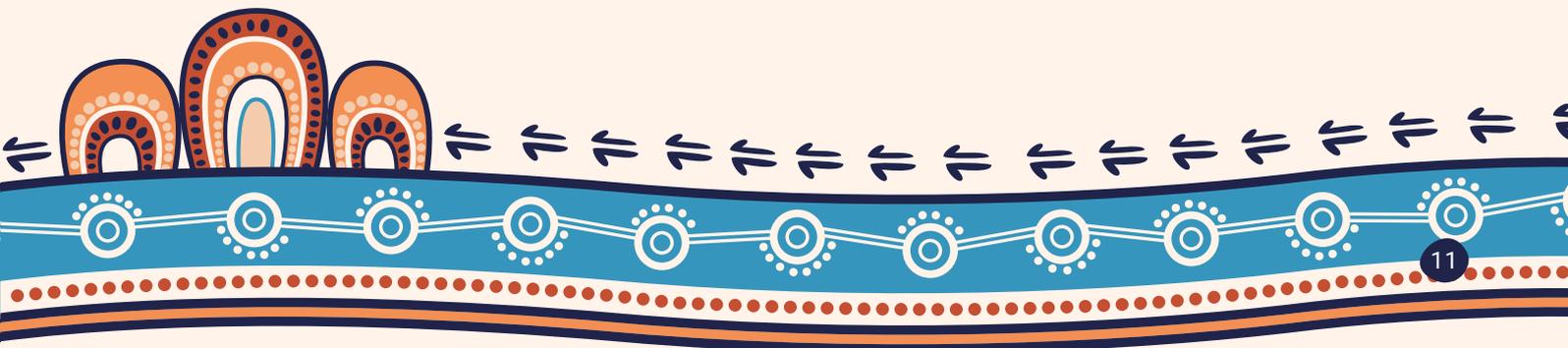
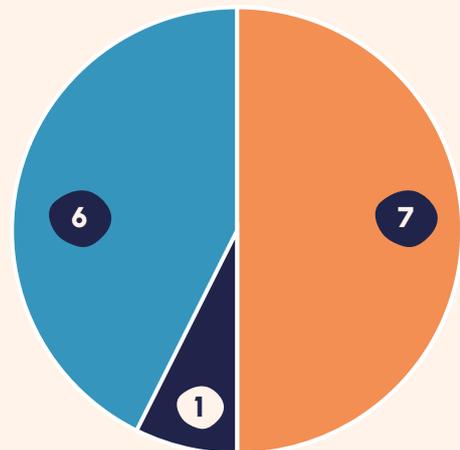


Strategic Priority Four: Strategic Enablers

A number of initiatives are underway to support the good governance and accountability to the Board.

Progress

Of the 14 specific tasks and projects associated with Strategic Priority Four, six are complete, seven are on track, and one is ongoing.



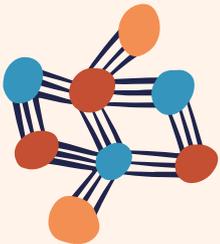
Highlights of the Year



Received **233 media mentions** across online, print, TV, and radio, with a combined potential audience reach of **over 5.7 million**.



Set up a charitable donations function on the FNAAFV website that allows site visitors to support the future of the FVPLS sector by donating to one (or all) of three funds, including: an emergency relief fund, an advocacy and partnerships fund, and a workforce sustainability fund.



Grew the **sector's first Communications Group**, which meets monthly, and provides Communications/Marketing/Media/PR staff within the FVPLS Sector the opportunity to meet and share their practices with a view to supporting each other through their roles.



Increase in staff from six to nine full time and part time dedicated resources

Appointment of a Strategic Director role in May 2025



Celebrated one year as a stand-alone incorporated entity, under the new brand of First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence.



Hosted more than **50 service representatives** at FNAAFV's **2024 Annual Member Conference** in Galinyala/Port Lincoln



Successfully made 16 policy submissions



More than **150% increase** in followers to our LinkedIn page



3200 visits to the FNAAFV Facebook page



Amassed a following of more than **2200 followers** on X

FNAAFV was formally endorsed by the Coalition of Peaks to lead the development of the Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan (FDSV SSP), with funding secured from DSS and early work already underway in partnership with ACCOs and national peak bodies.



112%

An application to the Attorney-General's Department, NIAA and DSS seeking an increase in funding for the FVPLS sector and PEAK was successful in achieving a 112% uplift in funding across the FVPLS sector to be delivered under the NAJP.



\$8.6M

FNAAFV provided concerted and comprehensive individualised support and advocacy to members, ensuring their success in applying for pay parity funds out of the **\$8.6 million allocated in the 2024-25 Federal Budget** as part of the Attorney-General's \$44.1 million funding boost to the legal assistance sector.



Convened the FVPLS Data Working Group to provide key input under NAJP, aligning with Closing the Gap and advancing Indigenous Data Sovereignty.



Secured an increase in funding over a five-year term for FNAAFV as the FVPLS peak under the Community Legal Services Program 2025-2023.



FNAAFV Staff and Board Members hold positions on 11 sector-relevant round tables, policy and steering committees, and national partnerships.



Partnered with ANROWS to undertake an evaluation of FNAAFV and scope a future State of the Sector Report.

Established professional relationships with service providers that offer strategic, financial and operational expertise; and connected them with FNAAFV members.

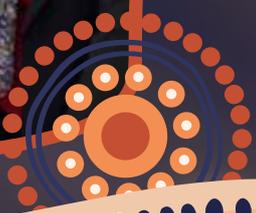
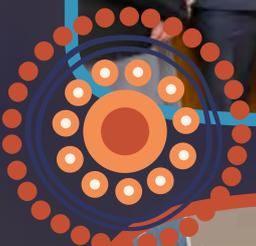
Facilitated the continued growth of the FNAAFV Community of Practice, which met 8 times since its launch in August 2024, bringing together a broad intersection of disciplines and expertise working at grassroots level with an interest in the DFSV sector and shared commitment to supporting ACCO leadership.



Provided individual support to members to undertake strategic planning towards their workforce development and capacity building goals, in alignment with NAJP and the pay parity budget measure.



Highlights of the Year 2024 - 2025





Programs and Activities

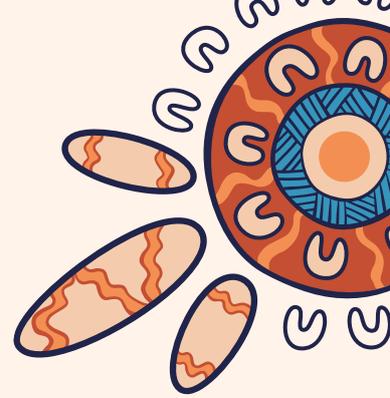
Strategic Partnerships

Partnerships and strategic alliances are key to opening up new opportunities and ways of working together. By sharing resources, skills, and knowledge, we make better use of what we have and strengthen our collective voice. We're intentional about who we partner with, choosing those who share our values and complement our strengths.

This year, we've been proud to work closely with several key stakeholders, including:

- The Coalition of Peaks, namely its:
 - » Joint Council
 - » Partnership Working Groups
 - » Justice Policy Partnerships and Justice Reinvestment group
- The Australian Legal Assistance Forum
- Change the Record
- The National Alliance of DFV Specialist Services
- The 4R's Network (rural, regional, remote and very remote)
- The Australian Community of Social Services (ACOSS)
- Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS)

The strength of our strategic partnerships was reflected in a key achievement when FNAAFV was invited to participate in a Joint NGO Coalition Report to the United Nations Human Rights Council, submitted as part of Australia's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). The report, coordinated by the Human Rights Law Centre, highlighted critical human rights concerns where Australia is failing to meet its international legal obligations. FNAAFV took a leading role in drafting the report's section on women's rights, with a specific focus on the experiences and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children affected by domestic, family, and sexual violence.



Advocacy and Lobbying

Throughout the reporting period, FNAAFV continued to advocate for greater investment in and recognition of the FVPLS sector, including through several targeted advocacy visits to Parliament House in Canberra. These visits included meetings and roundtables with Ministers, advisors, and crossbench senators, where we outlined the critical role that FVPLSs play in delivering culturally safe, community-led legal and non-legal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children. FNAAFV members participated in a number of these meetings, bringing firsthand service delivery experience into the room and reinforcing the urgency of the sector's funding and policy priorities.

In preparation for these meetings, FNAAFV developed our policy positions, which outlined:

- The work and impact of FVPLSs;
- FNAAFV's revised policy positions; and
- Our five-year strategic vision as a national peak.

Key policy issues raised during these engagements included:

- The need for recurrent, cross-portfolio investment to secure the future of FVPLSs;
- Workforce sustainability and pay parity, particularly in regional and remote areas;
- The development of a national child protection notification and referral system;
- Implications for our sector in the post-referendum policy environment;
- The sector's position ahead of the release of the final National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) Review, including support for its recommendations;
- The need for clear and updated data indicators for Closing the Gap Target 13; and
- Broader structural reform through the development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander DFSV Sector Strengthening Plan, which FNAAFV is leading in partnership with the Department of Social Services.

Plans are now in place to formalise and extend this engagement through regular advocacy visits. These will focus on ensuring the implementation of our sector's policy priorities, advancing our calls for a joint policy partnership, and reinforcing our role as the national voice for FVPLSs and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander DFSV sector.



Member's Conference 2024

In October 2024, the FNAAFV team was proud to welcome members to Galinyala/Port Lincoln, South Australia, for their Annual Members' Conference – a dynamic and energising week of connection, reflection, and forward planning.

More than 40 members travelled from across the country to attend the two-and-a-half-day gathering, which focused on knowledge sharing, deep listening, and mapping a strategic path forward as FNAAFV continues its journey of self-determination. The conference opened with a keynote address from Minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth, followed by a powerful speech from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Katie Kiss, who spoke to the value of the sector for mob, as well as her own life story.

FNAAFV's inaugural Annual General Meeting marked the start of the conference, with the election of a full Board of Directors. This was followed by a series of informative and interactive sessions, including organisational updates, a workshop on sensitive storytelling in advocacy, and powerful reflections from member organisations on their work delivering culturally safe services. The week concluded with a tour and morning tea hosted by Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation in Port Lincoln, celebrating connection, shared purpose, and community strength.



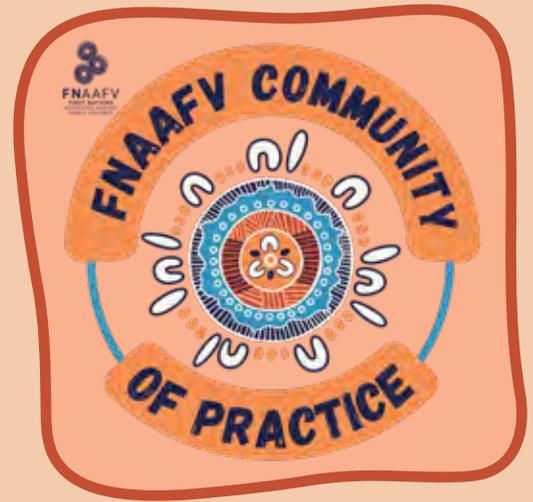
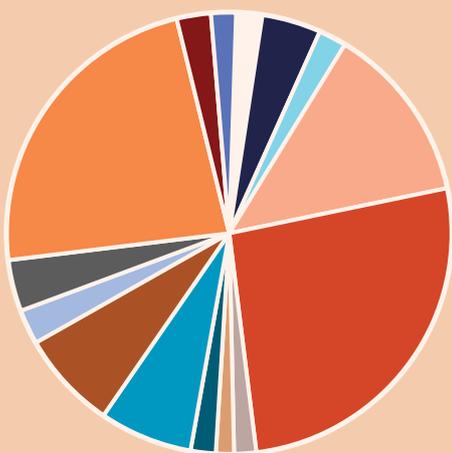
Community of Practice

A national Community of Practice committed to reducing Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence (DFSV) affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Launched in August 2024, FNAAFV's Community of Practice has held eight meetings to date, creating a collaborative network led by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to drive action toward reducing violence and advancing Closing the Gap, Target 13, through collective strength and a united voice.

The CommOfPrac supports people and organisations to share solutions, ideas, and legislative changes and challenges, as they work together to address DFSV in their communities and across jurisdictions. Membership to the CommOfPrac is free and remains open indefinitely. The Terms of Reference guide the CommOfPrac's conduct, and support accountability and transparency.

FNAAFV provides the secretariat function of the CommOfPrac. With more than 160 registrations so far, membership intersects a wide range of sectors including FVPLS, Housing (including shelters and safety housing), Corrections, Domestic Violence services, Land Councils, Early Childhood, Health, Courts/Justice, Child Protection, Disability, Youth, Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Seniors and Older People, Academic/Research, and Stolen Generations.



Sector Strengthening Plan

Priority Reform Two of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap commits all parties to work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to build strong community-controlled sectors. One of the key mechanisms for delivering this reform is through the development of Sector Strengthening Plans (SSPs) - national frameworks designed to guide coordinated, long-term action across sectors that are critical to improving life outcomes for our people.

The Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence Sector Strengthening Plan (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander DFSV SSP), currently being led by FNAAFV and having commenced in January 2025, represents an opportunity to embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices, leadership, and expertise into the design and delivery of domestic, family, and sexual violence responses. FNAAFV has been formally endorsed by the Coalition of Peaks to lead the development of the DFSV SSP, and the Department of Social Services (DSS) has agreed to fund our joint work with DSS to deliver on this plan.

Importantly, early work has already commenced to support the development of the DFSV SSP. This includes the scoping and design of a Needs Assessment and Maturity Assessment, led by a dedicated working group composed of national peak body representatives and DFSV Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs).

The DFSV SSP was scheduled to begin with the first meeting in August. Representatives from jurisdictions and ACCO's have been through an EOI process and participants informed. The SSP is planned to be finalised by the end of 2026.

FVPLS Sector Communications Group

Each month, FNAAFV's Senior Communications Officer, Lianne Brown, facilitates an online 'Comms Chat' meeting, bringing together communications, media, public relations, and marketing staff from across the FVPLS sector to support each other to deliver on the great work they do for their respective services. This regular forum provides a valuable space for participants—many of whom are sole practitioners in their organisations—to connect, share successes, troubleshoot challenges, exchange professional development opportunities, and build a strong sense of community and peer support across the sector.

Data Working Group

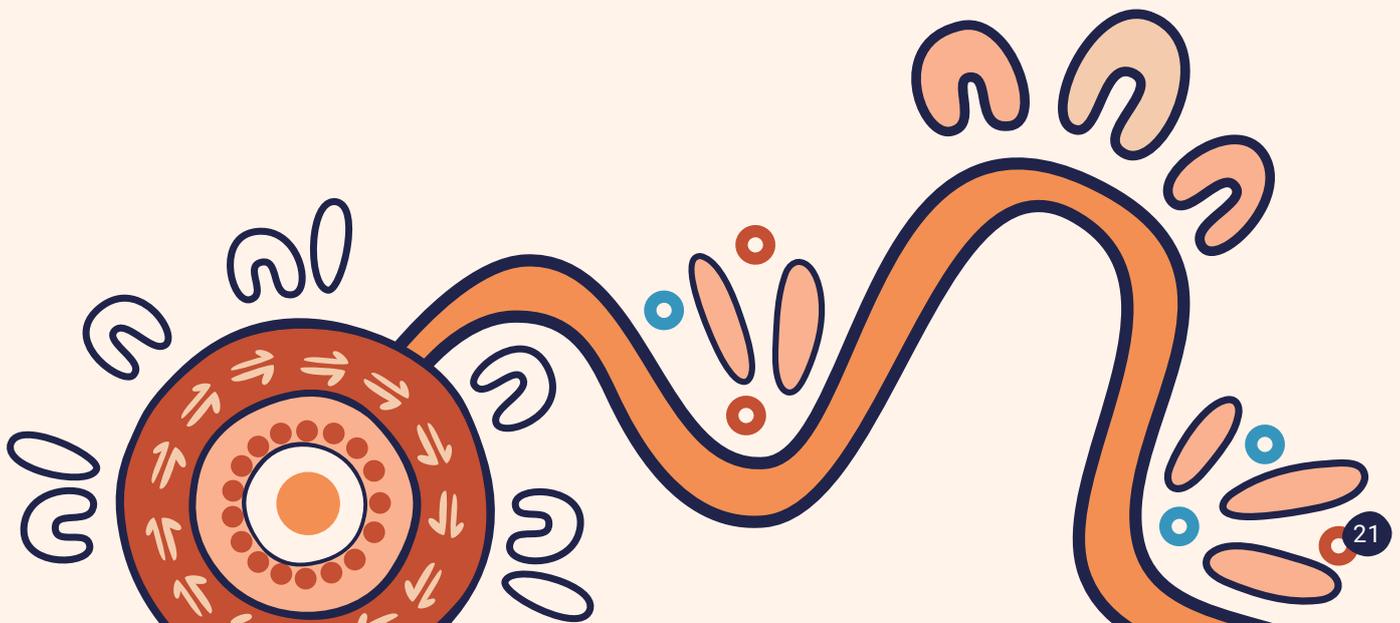
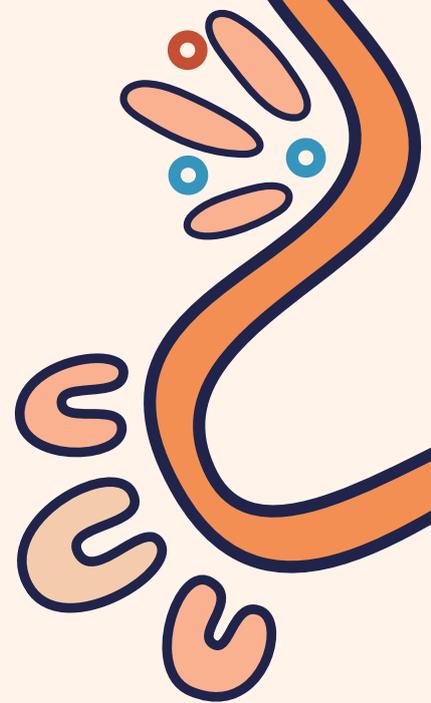
The FVPLS Data Working Group was established in 2024 to support and advocate for members around data and reporting to government. The meeting frequency is varied and is informed by sector need. In 2025, the focus has pivoted to provide key input under the NAJP, aligning with Closing the Gap and advancing Indigenous Data Sovereignty.

Policy Working Group

The FVPLS sector's first Policy Working Group provides a forum through which policy officers can come together and discuss updates from their jurisdictions, as well as any work and input needed from FNAAFV. Guided by the needs of its members, the Policy Working Group is designed to:

- facilitate networking and sharing of jurisdictional matters;
- facilitate developing best practice principles for Policy development;
- enable sharing of current statistics, policies and frameworks that support the sector; and
- enable sharing of tools, templates, and examples of Policy submissions to build our capability.

Led by FNAAFV Senior Policy Officer Priya Devendran and Policy and Grants Officer Jenn FitzGerald, the group meets bi-monthly to share jurisdictional updates, and discuss any ideas, wins, challenges or barriers encountered in their roles. Participation in the group remains open to all policy staff within the FVPLS sector.



Future Plans and Goals

FNAAFV is committed to delivering on its Strategic Plan 2024 – 2029 and will sequence its priorities and initiatives to position the organisation as a leader in the sector, driving meaningful change at scale. Underpinning these priorities and initiatives is our vision that all First Nations women and children affected by DFSV will have access to justice through the FVPLS sector regardless of where they live.

Horizon 2

Influence With Purpose

Over this two-year period, FNAAFV will deepen its influence by building strong relationships across all levels of government and supporting members to advocate on State and Territory issues. We will be recognised as thought leaders and preferred providers, backed by data and stories that evidence impact. With ambassadors onboarded, a diversified funding and ROI model in place, and educational tools promoting our brand, FNAAFV will expand its presence nationally and explore global opportunities.

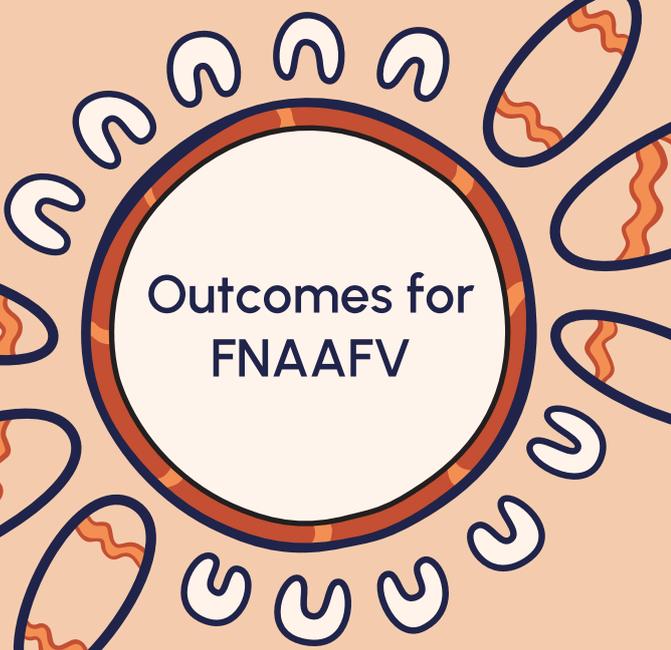
2026 – 2027 (2 years)

Horizon 1

Cement Our Position

Over the next 12 months, FNAAFV will strengthen its role as the national voice for the FVPLS sector. We will establish clear measures of impact, build strategic and media partnerships, and elevate our brand and unique value offering. By embedding advocates in government, identifying ambassadors, and exploring diverse funding models, we will expand our influence and sustainability. We will also support members through jurisdictional transitions, foster collaboration through our Community of Practice, and position FNAAFV within both national and global networks.

2025 (12 months)



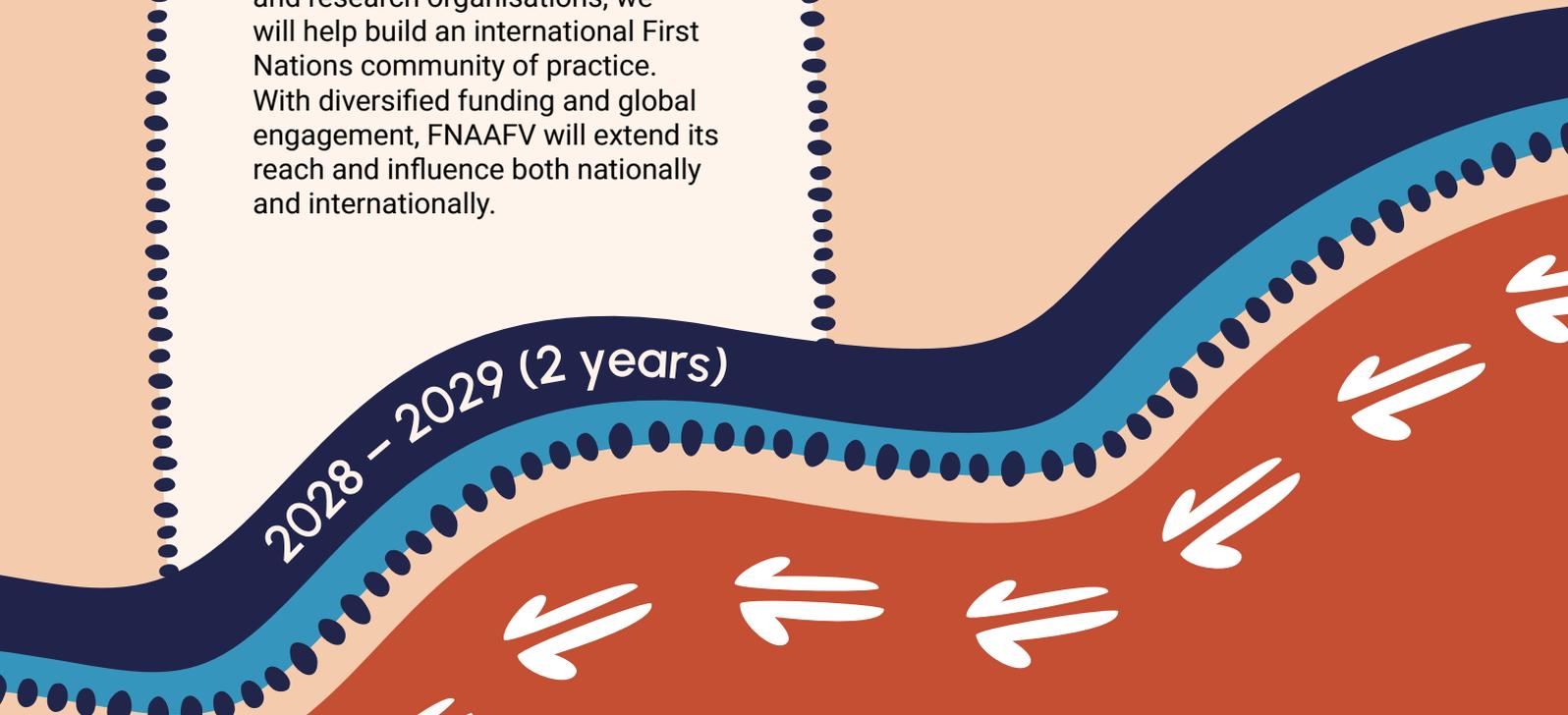
Outcomes for FNAAFV

Horizon 3



Lead And Expand Our Reach

FNAAFV will be a respected and sought-after partner with a strong, positive brand reputation. We will demonstrate clear evidence of impact in reducing family violence, elevate member profiles, and be recognised as a trusted source of expertise. By partnering with culturally safe education providers and research organisations, we will help build an international First Nations community of practice. With diversified funding and global engagement, FNAAFV will extend its reach and influence both nationally and internationally.



2028 - 2029 (2 years)

Financial Overview

Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence Limited
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Revenue and Other Income	1,626,582	-
Total - Income	1,626,582	-
EXPENSES		
Auditor's Remuneration	9,500	-
Depreciation	720	-
Employee benefits expenses	839,125	-
Insurance	21,483	1,194
Media & Marketing Expenses	118,489	1,367
Member Related Expenses	69,192	-
Other Expenses	243,859	2,397
Total - Expenses	1,302,367	4,959
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) Before Income Tax	324,215	(4,959)
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) After Income Tax Expense	324,215	(4,959)
Other Comprehensive Income For the Year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income For the Year Attributable to the Members of First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence	324,215	(4,959)

Statement of Financial Position

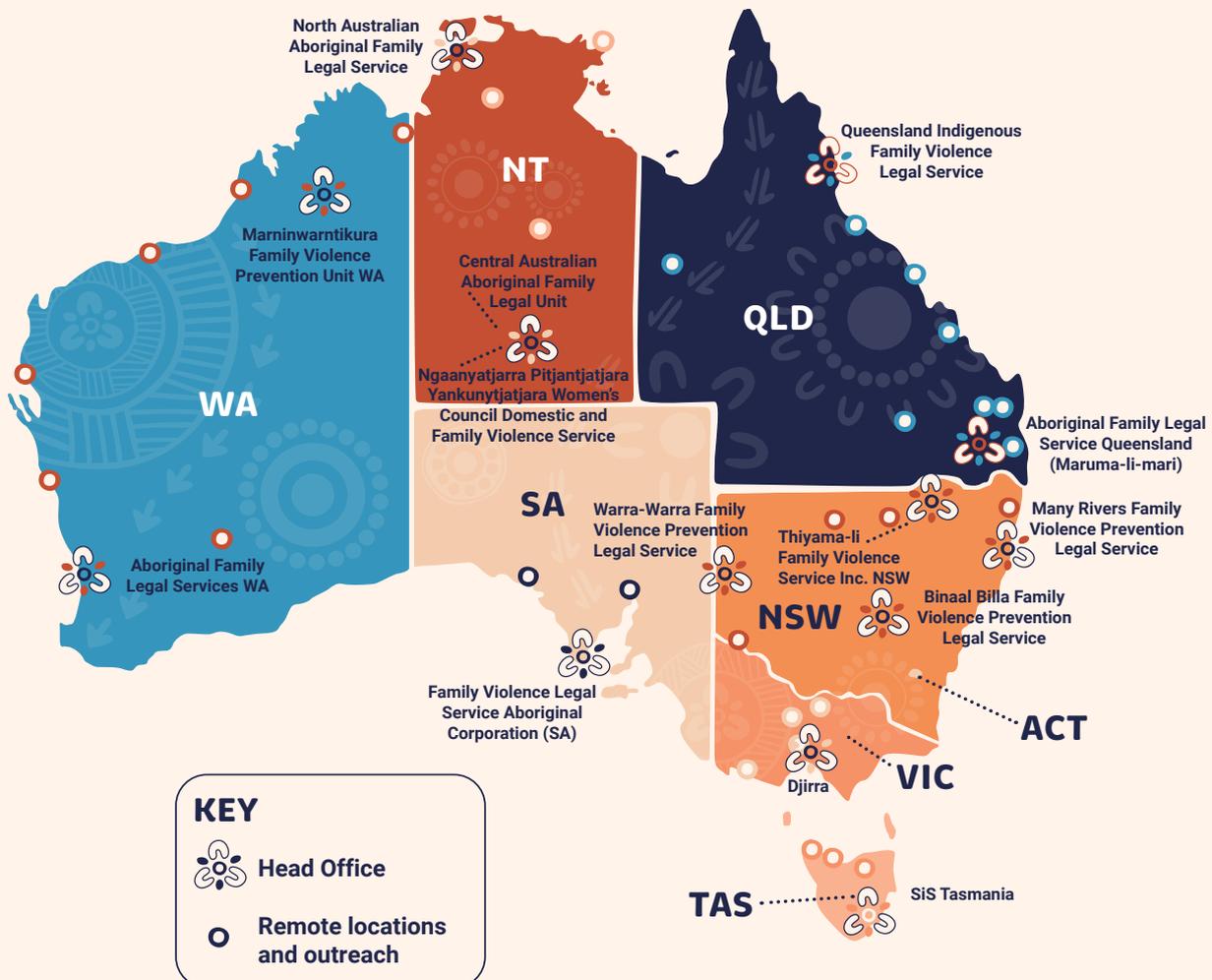
First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence Limited
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	30 JUNE 2025	30 JUNE 2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,931,007	499,891
Trade and Other Receivables	115,269	-
Other Current Assets	56,299	7,781
Total - Current Assets	2,102,575	507,672
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	3,065	-
Total Non-Current Assets	3,065	-
Total - Assets	2,105,641	507,672
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	120,656	12,631
Provisions	37,526	-
Income in Advance	1,627,647	500,000
Total - Current Liabilities	1,785,830	512,631
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions	555	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	555	-
Total - Liabilities	1,786,385	512,631
Net Assets	319,256	(4,959)

Our Members

As the only dedicated ACCO-led peak body representing the interests of the Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Sector at a national level, our strategic advocacy and lobbying work is designed to directly respond to the unique needs of our paid members, while also benefiting the broader sector. We are grateful for our member's support and are committed to our role of elevating their voices and advocating for their unique services. Full membership entitles member services to greater involvement and contribution towards the strategic change processes we are engaged in, as well as access to a wide range of other valuable opportunities and resources, including:

- Annual Member's Conference
- Opportunities to influence national policy
- Invitations to attend regular lobbying trips to Canberra
- Advice and support
 - » Specialist expertise
 - » Access to diversified funding sources
 - » Jurisdictional-specific support
 - » Grant writing
 - » Promotion of member activities
- Professional development
- Access to an online Member's portal
- Monthly Member's newsletter
- The right to vote at meetings
- A national coalition for service and sector development.





Aboriginal Family Legal Service Queensland (Maruma-li-mari)

Head office: Toowoomba, Queensland

Office Locations: Gympie, Murgon, Emerald and Roma

Website: <https://www.aflsq.org.au/>

Phone: (07) 4614 7116

Email: enquiries@aflsq.org.au

Geographical Coverage: Three regions covering Southern, South West, Central Queensland, and Wide Bay Burnett.

Established in 2013, Aboriginal Family Legal Service Queensland is a non-for-profit legal service for Indigenous communities throughout Southern, Southwest, Central Queensland and Wide Bay and specialises in Family Law matters. The service aims to understand and prevent violence to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander families in Queensland to live safely within their homes and communities, and partners with other First Nations organisations to deliver the communities with culturally appropriate, high-quality services.



Aboriginal Family Legal Services WA

Head Office: Perth, Western Australia

Office Locations: Broome, Derby, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kununurra, Port Hedland, Perth metro and Pinjarra.

Website: <https://www.afls.org.au>

Phone: (08) 9355 1502

Email: office@afls.org.au

Geographical Coverage: Seven regions across Western Australia, including more than 30 remote Aboriginal townships and communities.

Established in 2010, Aboriginal Family Legal

Services is a not-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation that provides free specialist legal assistance and non-legal support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing, or at risk of, family violence and sexual assault. They provide a holistic service delivery model, which includes legal advocacy, prevention and education initiatives, aimed at supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to live free from family and domestic violence, and sexual assault.



Binaal Billa
Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

Binaal Billa Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

Head Office: 3-5 Spring St, Forbes, New South Wales 2871

Website: <https://www.binaalbilla.com.au>

Phone: (02)68 501234

Email: admin@binaalbilla.com.au

Geographical Coverage: Outreach services provided across an area of more than 23,000km², which equates to around 2.8% of NSW.

Established in 2004, Binaal Billa FVPLS provides outreach services to Parkes, Peak Hill, West Wyalong, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Murrin Bridge, Grenfell, Cowra, Young, Tottenham, Trundle and Tullamore. Their services are provided in a holistic model where clients and children are supported with advocacy, case management, court support, counselling services, advice, free legal advice, intervention and prevention activities and referrals to other relevant and appropriate organisations.



Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit

Head Office: Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Office Locations: Tennant Creek

Website: <https://www.caaflu.com.au/>

Phone: Free call 1800 088 884

Email: caaflu@caaflu.com.au

Geographical Coverage: Central Australia and Barkly region.

Established in 2000, the Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit offers culturally appropriate legal and support services to Aboriginal people affected by domestic and family violence or sexual assault, with the assistance of a team of lawyers and client service officers. Their services span across legal advice, court representation, family violence assistance, victims of crime compensation support, community legal education and policy and law reform. With offices in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, CAAFLU also provides services in several remote communities including Hermannsburg, Yuendumu, Papunya, Santa Teresa, Harts Range, Ali Curung, Elliott, and other communities nearby.



Djirra

Head Office: Melbourne, Victoria
Office Locations: Bairnsdale, Bendigo, Echuca, Melton, Mildura, Morwell, Shepparton and Warrnambool.

Website: <https://www.djirra.org.au/>

Phone: Free call 1800 105 303

Email: info@djirraijarr.org.au

Geographical Coverage: State-wide coverage across Victoria.

Djirra is a specialist Aboriginal Community

Controlled Organisation with 22 years' experience supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing family violence across Victoria – predominately women and their children. Djirra delivers holistic, culturally safe, specialist family violence support, legal services and case management, alongside cultural and wellbeing workshops and Djirra's signature early intervention and prevention programs Sisters Day Out®, Dilly Bag and Young Luv®. Djirra ensures the voices of Aboriginal women are amplified and heard on a state, national and international level. Djirra advocates for system-wide change to improve access to justice, eliminate systemic violence and strengthen women's resilience.



Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation

Head Office: Port Lincoln, South Australia

Office Locations: Ceduna and Port Augusta

Website: <https://www.fvlsac.org.au>

Phone: Free call 1800 309 912

Email: portlincoln@fvlsac.org.au

Geographical Coverage: Spencer Gulf Region and West Coast Region.

Established in 2011, Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation (SA) (FVLSAC) is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are victims-survivors of family violence and/or sexual assault and works with families and communities affected by violence. They provide free legal advice, referrals, ongoing casework and court representation, and assist in intervention orders; family law; child protection; victims of crime compensation; and other legal problems arising from family violence. The service also engages in community legal education and community development activities, as well as policy and law reform directed towards systemic change.



Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service

39 Elbow Street, West Kempsey

Phone: 02 6562 5856 Fax: 02 6562 5896

Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service

Head Office: Kempsey, New South Wales

Office Locations: Kempsey and Grafton

Website: <https://www.gurehlgam.com.au>

Phone: (02) 6562 5856

Email: fvpls@gurehlgam.com.au

Geographical Coverage: Many Rivers area.

Established in September 1998, Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service is an Aboriginal owned and run not-for-profit that aims to improve the life of Aboriginal people and families on the Mid North Coast and Northern New South Wales by delivering community development programs that focus on housing, domestic violence and legal advice, post-release support, and arts and culture. Their programs aim to support our community by creating a sense of belonging, getting empowered, providing opportunities to connect to our culture, and looking after the physical and emotional wellbeing of their communities by delivering culturally safe and culturally appropriate services.

MARNINWARNTIKURA



Marninwarntikura Family Violence Prevention Unit

Head Office: Fitzroy Crossing,
Western Australia

Office Locations: Fitzroy Crossing

Website: <https://www.mwrc.com.au/>

Phone: (08) 9191 5284

Email: solicitor@mwrc.com.au

Geographical Coverage: 50 communities
in and around Fitzroy Crossing
Established in 1991, the Marninwarntikura

Family Violence Prevention Unit supports Fitzroy Valley women and their families by encouraging safety and well-being and fostering leadership and financial independence. MWRC provide activities, mentoring, support, access to culturally sensitive and respectful services, and advocacy. Their vision is to strengthen the power of women and their families to create culturally rich, engaged and healthy lives for Indigenous peoples living in the Fitzroy Valley and beyond.





Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council Domestic and Family Violence Service (DFVS)

Head Office: Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Website: <https://www.npywc.org.au>

Phone: Free call 1800 180 840

Email: enquiries@npywc.org.au

Geographical Coverage: 26 remote communities of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Lands across the central desert tri-state region of NT, SA and WA.

Established in 1994, NPY Women's Council Domestic and Family Violence Service (NPYWC DFVS) provides holistic support including crisis response, advocacy, case management, primary prevention and early intervention to Anangu women. Their one-on-one support includes risk assessment and safety planning; court support; advocacy within the legal system such as liaising with police, corrections and referring to legal services; support to apply for DVOs/IOs/FVROs; and provision of legal information and education. In the 23-24 financial year, NPYWC DFVS supported over 580 women. In addition to one-on-one support, NPYWC DFVS also facilitates community development activities including community legal education delivered on Country, as well as healing and primary prevention activities led by our lived experience group.



North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service

Head Office: Darwin, Northern Territory

Office Locations: Katherine, Nhulunbuy

Website: <https://www.naafls.com.au/>

Phone: 08 8923 8200

Email: admin@naafls.com.au

Geographical Coverage: NAAFLS has a geographical footprint of approximately 547,276km². We offer our services to more than 45 remote Aboriginal communities across the Top End, East Arnhem, Big Rivers and Central Desert regions of the Northern Territory (NT), and our travel remit is inclusive of all 25 remote circuit court sittings across our coverage area.

Established in 2006, the North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service (NAAFLS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Family Violence Prevention Legal Service (FVPLS) that provides culturally safe legal and non-legal wraparound support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victim survivors of domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV). Our legal team provides support, advocacy and representation in matters relating to DFSV, family law, care and protection of children and victims of crime compensation. Our legal work is backed by highly competent, culturally informed, non-legal support services that prioritise clients experiencing family violence. Our case work team is made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who maintain a strength-based and family-centric approach supporting victim survivors of DFSV.



QIFVLS

Queensland Indigenous
Family Violence Legal Service

Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service

Head Office: Cairns, Queensland

Office Locations: Bamaga, Brisbane, Mackay, Mount Isa, Rockhampton, Thursday Island, Townsville

Website: <https://www.qifvls.com.au/>

Phone: Freecall 1800 88 77 00

Email: help@qifvls.com.au

Geographical Coverage: More than 80 First Nations communities in Queensland across an area of approximately 1.7 million square kilometres.

Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service is a First Nations-controlled organisation that provides legal and non-legal services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders affected by domestic and family violence, and sexual assault. QIFVLS' services include:

- Child Protection / Child Safety
- Domestic and Family Violence (DVO/ Protection Orders)
- Family Law
- Victim Assist Claims
- Witness Assistance Law
- Victim Support / Register (Sexual Assault)
- Torres Strait Island or Traditional Customary Child Rearing Practices
- Representation in court
- The provision of information to a client about their legal rights and responsibilities.

QIFVLS also connects its clients with a range of support services and free counselling.



SiS Support
Information +
Strength

SiS Tasmania

Head Office: Hobart, Tasmania

Office Locations: Outreach in Greater Hobart Region, North-West and North of Tasmania

Website: <https://www.sistas.org.au>

Phone: Free call 1800 747 827 (State-wide)

Email: support@sistas.org.au

Geographical Coverage: Statewide.

Established in 2022, SiS Tasmania is a

specialised program of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service and delivers culturally appropriate, trauma-informed services and assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault. SiS Tasmania provide legal and non-legal supports to individuals and families. They also deliver community engagement, education and early intervention programs.



Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc.

Head Office: Moree, New South Wales

Office Locations: Bourke, Walgett

Address: Shop 5/96 Balo Street, Moree NSW 2400

Website: <https://www.thiyamali.com.au>

Phone: (02) 6752 1188

Email: legal@thiyamali.com.au

Geographical Coverage: Northwest NSW including north to Boggabilla / Toomelah and Mungindi on the NSW/QLD border and west to Collarenebri, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Bourke and Brewarrina.

Established in 2005, Thiyama-li is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a quality Family Violence Prevention Legal Service that is responsive to the needs of their clients and community. They are committed to providing a quality service which includes the provision of individualised services that are culturally appropriate, accessible, equitable, and non-judgmental.



Warra Warra Legal Service

Head Office: Broken Hill, New South Wales

Website: <https://www.wwls.org.au>

Phone: (02) 915 71004

Email: manager@warrawarra.org.au

Geographical Coverage: Far West Regional New South Wales

Established in 2009, Warra Warra Legal Service

is a not-for-profit legal service based in Broken Hill. It is a specialist family violence prevention legal service (FVPLS) that provides trauma informed, culturally safe services for Indigenous communities across an area of more than 19,500km² that includes Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe, Menindee and Wentworth/Dareton.

Governance and Management

FNAAFV Board

Wynetta Dewis, Chair

Wynetta Dewis is a proud Torres Strait Islander woman with strong family connections from Boigu Island and Horn Island.



Phee Clarke, Deputy Chair

PC Clarke (PC) is an Aranda woman who was born on Larrakia Country (Darwin) and grew up on her grandmother's country in Central Australia.



Corina Martin, Director

Corina Martin is a Mulgyin Jaru/Kitja and Gooniyandi woman and was born and raised in Broome, Western Australia.



Kathleen Wince, Director & Chair of the Audit and Risk Sub-committee

Kathleen Wincen is a Budjiti woman, raised in the red dirt of her ancestral country of Currawinya in Southwest Queensland.



Dr Warren Mundy, Independent Director & Member of the Audit and Risk Sub-committee

Dr Warren Mundy is a trusted ally to the FVPLS sector and was born and raised on the traditional lands of the Bidjigal and Gameygal peoples in Narwee, New South Wales.



Kerry Staines, Chief Executive Officer

Born and raised around Brisbane and having lived most of her adult life on Gubbi Gubbi country, Kerry's cultural heritage extends across the Wakka Wakka and Mandandanji mobs.



The FNAAFV Team

The team is made up of six dedicated resources that bring a wealth of specialised skills and professional expertise to the organisation. Their roles include:

- Executive Assistant
- Policy and Grants Officer
- Senior Communications Officer
- Sector Development and Member Engagement Officer
- Senior Policy Officer
- Strategic Director



Supporter Recognition

We extend our heartfelt thanks and formally acknowledge our partners, sponsors, funders, and pro bono supporters for their ongoing contributions to our organisation. Your allyship and support plays a vital role in enabling us to work collaboratively with our members, communities, governments, and sector stakeholders to raise awareness of family violence and advocate for culturally safe, community-led legal and holistic responses. We greatly value your continued partnership and look forward to strengthening our shared efforts in the future.



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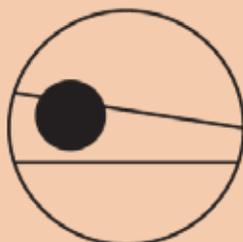


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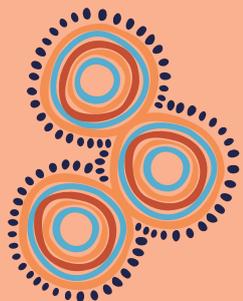
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