



# Community Partnerships Roundtable

## 16 February 2022

### Sector Communique

The Community Partnerships Roundtable met on 16 February 2022.

The Community Partnerships Roundtable is co-chaired by the Director General of Department of Communities (Communities), Mike Rowe and the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Council of Social Service, Louise Giolitto.

Key outcomes from the meeting:

- The Community Partnerships Roundtable was provided with a further update by Dr Victoria Hovane of Tjallara Consulting on the work of the Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy. Dr Hovane provided an overview of the consultation process to date and feedback on the early themes emerging.
- Feedback was provided from the two Working Groups, Commissioning and the Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group.
  - Commissioning Working Group – has now held three meetings and is co-chaired by John Bouffler, Executive Director of CEWA and Elaine Paterson, Department of Communities. The group has been providing feedback to Communities on the four priority areas for commissioning and seeking advice on the other contracts.
  - Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group – The group has met twice and is co-chaired by Chris Twomey from WACOSS and Paul Isaachsen from Department of Communities. The working group has been examining what data could be shared and how we link data collected by the sector with the data collected by Communities.
- The Roundtable talked about the work undertaken to prepare the community services sector for living with COVID and the more infectious Omicron variant. WACOSS advocated for increased resources including PPE, RAT's and cost of cleaning and Communities advised it was preparing a whole of government response.

### Further information

The intent of the Community Partnerships Roundtable is to bring together Communities and the community services sector to identify and implement better ways of working together for the benefit of the Western Australian community.

To find out more about the Community Partnerships Roundtable, please contact the Sector Partnerships Team.

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