Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué

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The Community Partnerships Roundtable met on 15 August 2023. The Roundtable is co-chaired by Mike Rowe Director General of the Department of Communities (Communities) and Louise Giolitto Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Council of Social Service. Members bring a diverse range of experience and expertise to address system-wide issues and plan on matters of strategic importance relevant to the delivery of human services.

Communities’ Deputy Director General Community Services, Melanie Samuels, joined the meeting as a guest. Key discussion and outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

* Communities’ Emergency Relief and Support Division provided members with an update on Communities’ response to the Kimberley floods including:
	+ The number of people in phase one temporary accommodation
	+ The work undertaken to date on phase two transitional accommodation
	+ How Communities’ outreach teams are supporting residents to apply for category three and four financial assistance measures
	+ The provision of Social and Emotional Wellbeing supports to flood impacted people through a local consortium led by Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services
* The Roundtable’s Commissioning Working Group provided an update on the progress of Communities’ Commissioning Plan and commissioning areas including Homelessness and Out of Home Care.
* The Commissioning Working Group and the Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group held a joint meeting on 2 August 2023 to consider shared priorities and opportunities to collaborate.
* Roundtable members received a presentation from the Office of Digital Government on its linked data asset, PeopleWA. The presentation included information on the data collected by PeopleWA, who has access to the data, the process to apply for access and PeopleWA’s Governance Group.
* Members endorsed an updated Terms of Reference to include CarersWA as a new community service sector member.
* The next meeting will be held in November 2023.

Further information

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