Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué

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The Community Partnerships Roundtable met on 6 November 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.

The Hon Sabine Winton MLA (Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services), joined members online to discuss the Roundtable’s program of work.

Key discussion and outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

* The Western Australian Government’s Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce and the $200 million investment to strengthen response measures.
* Communities’ Emergency Relief and Support Division provided members with an update on Communities’ ongoing response to the Kimberley floods.
* The Roundtable’s Commissioning Working Group provided an update on the progress of Communities’ Commissioning Plan, Budget and procurement processes and service agreement contracts due to expire in the next 12 to 18 months.
* The Commissioning Working Group and the Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group provided an update on Communities collaboration with the community service sector and PeopleWA in developing options for a pilot program.
* Communities’ Director General, Mike Rowe, advised members the agency capability review of the department has been finalised by the Public Sector Commission.
	+ The [executive summary](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/agency-capability-review-reports) report outlines the process undertaken for this review, its findings, lines of inquiry and the department’s areas of strength.
	+ Communities review was conducted by two independent reviewers over six months and involved collecting information, investigation, research and considering a variety of evidence including stakeholder interviews.
* The next meeting will be held on 12 February 2024.

Further information

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