

NSW Women's Advisory Council

Communique 24 June 2024

The NSW Women's Advisory Council was convened in person and virtually today attended by:

Council members

- The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP - Chair
- Belinda Cashman - member
- Elise Coppins - member
- Elizabeth Hill - member
- Jill Duncan - member
- Julie Perkins - member
- Karen Price - member
- Lisa Annese - member
- Mariam Mourad - member
- Marlene Krasovitsky - member
- Tara Hunter – member
- Tanya Smyth (Director, Women NSW) – ex-officio

Other attendees

- Vickie Parry (Chief Executive Officer, Barang Regional Alliance)
- Kate Boyd (Secretary, The Cabinet Office)
- Gill White (Deputy Secretary, Social Policy and National Reform, The Cabinet office)
- Celia Barnett-Chu (Director, The Cabinet Office)
- Rebecca Huntley (Director, 89 Degrees East)
- Gemma Worboys (Associate Director, Women NSW)
- Renee Roylance (Senior Associate, Women NSW)
- Alex Haigh (Assistant Associate)

Apologies

- Violet Roumeliotis AM – member
 - Janine Farah - member
 - Kate Meagher (Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement, Premier’s Department) – ex-officio
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The Women’s Advisory Council met on 24 June 2024 for the second meeting of the calendar year.

Minister and Member updates

The Minister for Women provided a portfolio update, and members shared key updates from their work and items relevant to the broader group.

The Minister provided a progress update on two election commitments: the Future Women Jobs Academy, which supports women from priority cohorts to enter the workforce, and the NSW Working Women’s Centre, which is being delivered in partnership with the Australian Government.

The Council and Minister discussed the broad range of initiatives in place in NSW and nationally regarding primary prevention.

Member presentation

- Mariam Mourad briefed the Council on Women’s Health NSW project - *Local pathways for victim-survivors of sexual assault-related non-fatal strangulation and acquired brain injury.*

Stakeholder presentations

- Vicky Parry, CEO of Barang Regional Alliance, highlighted that housing, access to affordable early childhood education and low wages in the community sector are significant issues affecting Aboriginal women living on the Central Coast.
- Rebecca Huntley, Director, 89 Degrees East., presented the Gender Compass research exploring attitudes to gender equality among people living in NSW and the ACT.

The Cabinet Office priorities

The Council heard from Kate Boyd, Secretary, and Gill White, Deputy Secretary of The Cabinet Office, on the machinery of government changes that will see Women NSW move into The Cabinet Office from 1 July 2024. The Council explored how to capitalise on the opportunities presented by the change.

Implementation of the Women's Advisory Council Strategic Plan

The Council reviewed the objectives of their Strategic Plan and major focus areas and discussed the status of these items and how they will measure their progress and achievements.

Initial scoping was completed and will continue offline. A half-day of the next Council meeting will be dedicated to progressing this work.

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