



## **Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué**

### **February | 2023**

The Community Partnerships Roundtable met on 14 February 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.

Key discussion and outcomes from the meeting are as follows:

- Communities' Emergency Relief and Support Division provided members with and update on Communities' response to the Kimberley floods including:
  - Engagement with the State Welfare and Emergency Committee
  - Repatriation of displaced people
  - Establishing of Disaster and Rent Relief hotlines, hubs in Fitzroy, Broome, and Derby, and bus services from Broome to Derby and Derby to Fitzroy
  - Plans towards repairing or rebuilding State Government owned properties
  - Implementation of a rent moratorium until 12 February 2023, and refunding rent credit for selected, eligible people in affected social housing.
- The Roundtable's Commissioning Working Group provided an update on the progress of Communities' Commissioning Plan, and commissioning areas including Family and Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Services and Indigenous Healing Services, and Out of Home Care.
- The Roundtable's Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group continue to focus on identifying data sets previously released by Communities, and opportunities to collaborate with the Commissioning Working Group.
- The Office of Digital Government provided Roundtable members with a presentation on the PeopleWA linked data asset which is due to be released in August 2023. Formerly known as the Social Investment Data Resource, PeopleWA is funded within the Department of the Premier and will contain linked data from Department of Communities, Department of Health, Mental Health Commission, Department of Education, Department of Justice, and WA Police.
- The next meeting will be held on 16 May 2023.

### **Further information**

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