

## **Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué July | 2023**

The Community Partnerships Roundtable met on 6 July 2023. The Roundtable is cochaired 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 systemwide issues and plan on matters of strategic importance relevant to the delivery of human services. This meeting was re-scheduled from 16 May 2023.

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
  - Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services is leading a local consortium to provide Social and Emotional Wellbeing supports to flood impacted people.
- The Roundtable's Commissioning Working Group provided an update on the progress of Communities' Commissioning Plan, and commissioning areas including Homelessness, Integrated 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.
- The Commissioning Working Group and the Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group will hold a joint meeting on 2 August 2023.
- A representative from the Department of Finance joined the meeting to discuss the State Commissioning Implementation Plan and the WA State Commissioning Strategy Governance Structure.
- Members received an update on Communities work to drive progress toward achieving the Closing the Gap targets.
- The next meeting will be held on 15 August 2023.

## **Further information**

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