



Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué

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The Community Partnerships Roundtable (the Roundtable) met on 5 August 2025 at the offices of the Western Australian Council of Social Services (WACOSS)

The Roundtable was co-chaired by Jacqui Herring, Executive Director, Commissioning and Contracting on behalf of Mike Rowe, Director General of the Department of Communities (Communities) and Tim Grey-Smith, Executive Director, Community Employers WA, on behalf of Louise Giolitto, Chief Executive Officer of WACOSS.

Members of the Roundtable 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. New Members, People with Disabilities Western Australia and Financial Counsellors' Association of Western Australia, were welcomed to the Roundtable.

The Roundtable received a presentation from Lisa Bednarczyk, Assistant Under Treasurer, Department of Treasury and Finance, on the 2025-26 State Budget, and Community Services Commissioning.

Community Employers' WA provided an update to the Fair Work Commission's Gender Undervaluation Review of the SCHADS Award and implications for the Sector, and advice on their Lotterywest funded "[Getting it Right](#)" campaign to assist Community Service Organisations with general advice in relation to navigating State and Commonwealth Awards.

Other key discussion items from the meeting included updates on:

- Activities of the Communities' Emergency Relief and Support team; and
- the Commissioning, Data Sharing and Outcomes Working Group.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2025.

Further information

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