



28 February 2020, Brisbane

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

The inaugural meeting of Queensland's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council (the Prevention Council) was held on 28 February 2020. The meeting opened with an observation of one minute's silence, acknowledging all Queenslanders who have tragically lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for Trade thanked the co-Chairs for agreeing to lead the Prevention Council and other members for accepting her invitation to serve. The Premier spoke of the ongoing commitment of the Queensland Government in working together with the community and other sectors to find the best possible way to tackle the issue of domestic and family violence.

The Honourable Di Farmer MP, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence also addressed the Prevention Council, noting the breadth of expertise and experience members bring to their roles and acknowledging the commitment of all members.

Prevention Council members shared their aspirations for their roles in monitoring the domestic and family violence reform program as it continues under the Third Action Plan.

The Prevention Council was briefed by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women on:

- the delivery of the ***Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland*** report recommendations
- the role of the Prevention Council in supporting implementation of the Queensland Government's ongoing **10 year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026** (the Strategy) and the **Third Action Plan** of the Strategy (the Third Action Plan).



Back Row Left to Right: Leigh Roach, Steve Gollschewski, Rebecca McGarrity, Bob Atkinson, Saliman Bin Juda, Trevor Black, Lyn Anderson, Dr Wendell Rosevear, Penny Carr.

Front Row Left to Right: Karyn Walsh, Kay McGrath, Karni Liddell, Rachel Durdin, Dianne Fletcher, Faiza El-Higzi.

The Prevention Council commenced development of a 2020 work plan, including the scheduling of three visits to a range of regional, rural and south-east Queensland communities.

Members agreed that engagement with communities would focus on:

- raising awareness of the domestic and family violence reform program
- the needs and experiences of those in our communities who are most vulnerable to domestic and family violence
- encouraging and helping to build community ownership of action to end domestic and family violence.

The Prevention Council noted that consideration would be given on the alignment of their workplan and community activity during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

The annual workplan will be finalised out of session and released during April 2020.

Co-chaired by Ms Kay McGrath OAM and Mr Bob Atkinson AO APM, the Prevention Council will oversee and support the next phase of the Queensland Government's domestic and family violence reform agenda.