



MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

**Tuesday, 30 May 2017
Brisbane**

On Tuesday, 30 May 2017, the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council (Council) held its eleventh meeting in Brisbane.

The meeting was the first to be attended by the new Chair of the Council, **Ms Kay McGrath OAM**. The Council also noted the appointment of three additional new members:

- **Associate Professor Annabel Taylor**, Director of the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research
- **Mr Ian Leavers**, CEO and General President of the Queensland Police Union of Employees, and
- **Dr Graham Fraine**, Deputy Director-General, Policy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

The Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence joined the first part of the meeting.

At the outset, the Chair conveyed the Council's condolences to the **Queensland Police Service** on the death of Senior Constable Brett Forte who was killed on duty the day prior to the meeting.

The Council firstly considered findings of the **community research** undertaken by Enhance Research on **attitudes towards domestic and family violence in the Queensland community**, further to the initial briefing received at its February meeting. Topics discussed included community perceptions around the **gendered nature of domestic violence**, and **navigating of bystander situations** by observers of domestic and family violence.

The Council then discussed its **work program** for the remainder of 2017, considering options on how it could best discharge its **oversight and advocacy functions**.

The Council received an update from members of the **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group**, in particular noting:

- the **Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum** held in Cairns on 10 and 11 May 2017
- **Umi One, Mepla Way (One People, Our Way), the first domestic and family violence conference for the Torres Strait**, held on Thursday Island on 16 and 17 May 2017, and
- the **Specialist Domestic and Family Violence Conference** being held by the Office of the Chief Magistrate on 30 and 31 May 2017 in Brisbane.

The Council considered the **quarterly progress report** on implementation of *Not Now, Not Ever* report recommendations as at 28 February 2017, noting that implementation of all recommendations has now commenced. The Council also noted that, further to the briefing from the Attorney-General at its meeting of 24 February 2017, **amendments to the *Bail Act 1980* and *Victims of Crime Act 2009*** were passed by the Parliament in March 2017.

Representatives from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided Council with an update on delivery of the **engagement and communication strategy**, in particular the development of a **youth campaign** through a co-design process focusing on music.

Finally, the Council considered the first six monthly report from the **Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board** (the Board) on its activities and findings from October 2016 to April 2017, and the Board's first systemic case review report, the ***Intimate Partner Homicide of 'Kelly'***.

During the reporting period, the Board held **four meetings** focusing on different types of domestic and family violence deaths, and has considered **20 cases**. The Council was informed of a number of insights and themes that have been identified by the Board in undertaking these case reviews.