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ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Women (MACW) Communiqué -31 May 2017

The **ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Women (MACW)** provides strategic advice to the ACT Government on issues affecting women in the ACT. The Council also provides a link between the Minister for Women and women in the ACT Community.

The work of the council reflects the objectives of *The ACT Women's Plan*. The Council will monitor the progress of achievements towards these objectives through consultation with women in the community and relevant organisations.



MACW Planning Day

The **MACW** held its' annual planning day on 31 May 2017. The meeting was facilitated by

Ms Giorgi and chaired by Dr Beckmann. Minister Yvette Berry welcomed members.

MACW meets 6 times per year and the next meeting is on **Wednesday 2 August 2017**.



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Minister Berry's Address to MACWA

Minister Berry noted *The ACT Women's Plan: First Action Plan* *is a priority of the ACT Government and welcomed MACW's role giving advice to the Minister, supporting the implementation of actions and promotion of the Women's Plan to the wider community.

She also encouraged MACW's to focus on improving gender equity in the ACT Community.

**The ACT Women's Plan: First Action Plan* can be located at:

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1040375/ACT-WOMENS-PLAN-2016-26-FIRST-ACTION-PLAN-2017-19-WEB.pdf

Priority Identification and Actions

MACW is investigating ways to develop measures to track the progress of the ACT Women's plan.

The Council is focusing on accessible and affordable options in housing for women as well as reducing barriers to women and girls participation in sport and active lifestyles.

Other priorities include: sexual health and education for women and girls; social media and online safety for girls; and developing gender impact statement tools for policy makers in the ACT.

MACW Members 2017

Dr Elizabeth Beckmann (Chair)
Ms Dana Esperanza / Mrs Louise Bannister/
Ms Julie Blackburn/ Ms Catherine Carter/
Ms Alisa Draskovic/Ms Lauren Gale/

Role of MACW

Members of MACW prioritised their role to make the Women's Plan more relevant to women in the community and to connect women in community to key actions in the Plan.

MACW also plays an invaluable role in providing regular feedback to ACT Deputy Chief Minister/Minister for Women on issues faced by women in the community.

MACW also assists with the promotion and assessment of the ACT Women's Awards, and ACT Women's Grants.

The Council provides advice in relation to violence prevention strategies in the ACT.

Ms Jayanti Gupta/ Ms Patricia Jones/
Ms Fiona Petersen/ Ms Megan Taylor/
Ms Jessa Rogers.

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