



*Championing the rights and interests of women*

## June 2018 Communiqué

- The Tasmanian Women's Council (the Council) met in Hobart on 6 June 2018.
- The meeting was attended by the Minister for Women, Jacquie Petrusma MP, who noted the release of the *Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2018-2021*. The Minister highlighted key initiatives to support women and girls in Tasmania in 2018, including development of a Sexual Violence Action Plan and a Financial Security Action Plan, and the opening of the Levelling the Playing Field grant program to increase women and girls' participation in sport.
- The Council hosted two guests, Deputy Director of the State Service Management Office, Louise Mills and Tasmania Police Commissioner, Darren Hine, who updated the Council on relevant work in their agencies.
- Ms Mills updated the Council on actions to support gender diversity in the Tasmanian State Service, and progress towards the target of women making up 40 per cent of the Senior Executive Service by 2020.
- Commissioner Hine updated the Council on Tasmania's Family Violence Action Plan 2015-2020 (*Safe Homes, Safe Families*), and efforts to increase the proportion of women in the police force, at all levels, including the *You've Got This* recruitment campaign.
- Members provided updates on recent activities relating to the Council, notably the Chair, Annette Rockliff, attended the launch of the Local Government Association of Tasmania's *WomenCan* campaign, encouraging women to stand for local government at the October 2018 elections.
- The Council farewelled Member Julie Marsaban, recognising her valuable contribution to the Council's work during her four years of membership.
- The next meeting of the Council will be held on 5 September 2018 in Campbell Town.

*The Council seeks input from women and community organisations about any issues that are of concern to, and that could impact on, women in Tasmania. If you would like to talk with a member of the Council, please contact Communities, Sport and Recreation, Department of Communities Tasmania on 6232 7434 or email [women@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:women@dpac.tas.gov.au) for members' contact details. We welcome your calls.*

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Chair