



Championing the rights and interests of women

December 2015 Communiqué

- The Tasmanian Women's Council (the Council) met in Hobart on 8 December 2015.
- The Council hosted guest speaker Helen Langenberg, Manager of Development at Communities, Sport and Recreation in the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Helen provided an overview of activities and initiatives occurring at a local and national level to increase women's participation in sport, sport leadership, and to raise the profile of women's sport.
- Helen informed the Council about the work of the Women in Sport Working Group which was established under a directive from the Australian Ministers for Sport and includes a representative from each state and territory, including from Tasmania's Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- The Council acknowledged the work and participation of two retiring members, Pamela Leach and Nagham Al-Knani, and thanked them for their contribution to the Council.
- The Council endorsed the 2016 Work Plan to be presented to the Minister for Women in February 2016.
- The Council agreed to apply for *partnership* with Economic Security for Women (eS4W).
- Two Members have also applied for *membership* which will involve attending national meetings, enabling the Council to be part of the national conversation around economic security for women. This is the first time eS4W has had Tasmanian representation.
- Members reported on recent appointments to boards and events they had attended, notably the White Ribbon events in Hobart, Launceston, and Devonport on 25 November 2015.
- The next meeting of the Council will be held on 25 February 2016 in Hobart.

The Council seek input from women and community organisations about any issues that are of concern to, and that could impact women in Tasmania. If you would like to talk with a member of the Council, please contact the Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania, Department of Premier and Cabinet on 6232 7296 or email women@dpac.tas.gov.au for members' contact details. We welcome your calls.

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Chair