

Tasmanian Women's Council

Meeting Communiqué

The Tasmanian Women's Council acknowledged Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the Council gathered. The Council thanked the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence, the Hon Madeleine Ogilvie, MP for opening the second Council meeting for 2023. The Council recognised the contributions of two outgoing members, Dr Mary Duniam and Bronwyn Tamplin and thanked them for their service.

The Council progressed the development of a new Tasmanian Women's Council Award program, and considered how best to recognise inspiring young Tasmanian women who demonstrate their potential and achievements in their chosen field, passion or interests.

The Council noted the importance of recent state-wide, community-based conversations with women and gender diverse Tasmanians about their experiences of gender inequality, and views on how a gender equal Tasmania can strengthen their lives. The Council noted that the lived experience of participants will inform the development of a Tasmanian Gender Impact Assessment toolkit, which will support the Tasmanian Government to assess how a policy or program will affect people differently because of their gender.

The Council considered the Women's Leadership Scholarships project. The Council noted the importance of addressing the structural and cultural barriers that exist for women in leadership, and developing initiatives that encourage women to sit on boards.