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 Jo Palmer, MLC for opening the third Council meeting for 2023, and welcomed two new members.

The Council noted the progress developing a new Tasmanian Women’s Council Award program, which will recognise inspiring young Tasmanian women who demonstrate their potential and achievements in their chosen field, passion or interests.

The Council considered the Women’s Stories Project, and mechanisms for circulating the stories through the broader Tasmanian community. The Council noted that the stories are powerful and will help to raise the aspirations of Tasmanian women and girls. The Council also noted the importance of the stories reaching men, boys and gender-diverse Tasmanians.

The 17 stories produced in 2022-23 focus on women’s leadership and participation. The Council noted that the second iteration of the Women’s Stories Project will concentrate on understanding and showcasing the experiences of women whose voices and stories are not typically heard.

The Council considered the Women’s Leadership Scholarships project and discussed 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.