

Strategic Plan 2020-2023

Acknowledgement of country

WSSSA acknowledges that the land we work on is the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and we pay our respects to elders, past, present and emerging.

WSSSA acknowledges and respects that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the First Nations people of this country and recognises them as traditional owners and occupants of South Australian land and waters. WSSSA acknowledges that the First Nations people never ceded sovereignty, and remain strong in their enduring connection to land and culture.

Foreword

WSSSA is a women's domestic and family violence service that provides an integrated response to its clients through the provision of specialised, accessible and flexible models of service delivery. WSSSA has a strong and varied history, delivering services across diverse cultures and backgrounds. WSSSA's practice framework is underpinned by a **safety first approach** which seeks to ensure that the safety and empowerment of women and their children is paramount in all aspects of service delivery and advocacy.

The safety of women and their children is achieved by ensuring that violence is recognised as soon as possible, providing immediate responses to violence and facilitating safe and seamless pathways through service systems.

The WSSSA Statement and Values is underpinned by a gender power analysis that recognises the structural and social impact of power in our society, and the dislocation and dispossession caused by colonisation on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Men's violence against women is Australia's most significant gender equality issue (Summers A 2015). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experience the

intersection of gender and racial oppression. WSSSA recognises the unequal access to social, political and economic power between women and men, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, and how this imbalance leads to violence against women.

Governance oversight

WSSSA oversight of the Strategic Plan (and accompanying business plan) will be by the Board of Management with support from the WSSSA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Leadership Committee.

The CEO and Executive Leadership Committee provide an accountability and oversight mechanism and are responsible for:

- Operational oversight and monitoring implementation of strategic directions and performance outcomes
- Facilitating information sharing
- Identifying gaps, risks and challenges

Implementation & reporting

Through the Executive Leadership Committee (ELC) the Business Plan will inform the work of the group and individual work plans. These plans will be developed and reviewed annually.

Progress against the Strategic Plan will be reported to the Board of Management quarterly by the Chief Executive Officer.

Our Vision

A society where women and their children live safely and thrive in communities free from all forms of violence.

Our Purpose

WSSSA works with women and their children who are at risk of, or are experiencing domestic or Aboriginal family violence, by assisting them to achieve safer, connected, and supported lives.

Mission Statement

We provide integrated responses to our clients through the provision of specialised, accessible and flexible models of service delivery that are:

- informed by the lived experience of women and their children
- responsive to the diversity of the lives of women and their children
- easy to access
- evidence-based and high-quality
- engaged in effective strategic partnerships
- strong in advocacy and Influence
- supported by a sustainable organisation

Values and guiding principles for the way we work

We value and are committed to:

Safety

- Violence against women and their children is a breach of human rights
- The safety of women and their children is central in all responses

Diversity and Equity

- We recognise and embrace the diversity of women and their children and acknowledge that this shapes their experience of violence
- We are committed to eliminating barriers to service provision based on culture, race, language, religion, sexuality, ability, class and age

Respect

• We respect women's rights to make their own decisions and choices for themselves and their children

Responsiveness, Flexibility and Innovation

- We are committed to providing services which are responsive and flexible to women and their children's diverse needs.
- We are committed to the ongoing innovative development of our services.

Knowledge and Accountability

- We are committed to continuous quality improvement through the ongoing professional development of staff to ensure that practice is accountable, specialised, consistent, ethical and evidence-based
- We are committed to including women and their children's voices in shaping service responses
- We evaluate the programs we deliver, to inform our practice and to contribute to the safety of women and their children

Community responsibility

We are committed to working with others to:

- Increase the knowledge of the community about men's violence against women as the root cause of domestic and family violence.
- Support community responses that promote the safety of women and their children and hold those who commit domestic and family violence to account.

	WSSSA Strategic Plan Objectives	WSSSA will:
Objective 1	Embed the voices of women and their children at all levels of WSSSA's organisation and services	 Engage with women and their children with lived experience Ensure that the diverse range of women and children's voices have an identifiable and measurable impact within WSSSA
Objective 2	Acknowledge, respect and reflect the diversity of women and their children	 Ensure that First Nations People's knowledge, wisdom and authority informs our service provision Increase the profile and understanding of children's wellbeing in WSSSA Services Deliver services that recognise race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, gender identity, age and disability
Objective 3	Build and support a sustainable workforce	 Build the evidence-base for the skillsets and capabilities for a diverse and sustainable workforce Develop career pathways
Objective 4	Develop and strengthen intentional and effective networks and partnerships	 Prioritise and maintain strategic networks and partnerships to maximise service outcomes Partner with others to maximise our research and evaluation potential
Objective 5	Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, structure and systems	 Review WSSSA's funding model structure to ensure sustainability and innovation to ensure equitable services across target areas Review and improve WSSSA's governance arrangements Review and improve WSSSA's structure for sustainable growth Strengthen WSSSA's systems of work including business intelligence capabilities, service delivery and public profile

Objective 1: Embed the voices of women and their children at all levels of WSSSA's organisation and services

Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date
1.1 Engage with women and their children with lived experience	Establish a clear and transparent lived experience engagement framework	 Lived Experience framework developed Outcome of themes from framework to be tabled at Board meeting quarterly 	Chief Operating Officer	• 30 September 2020
	Review and improve positive feedback and complaints methods including internal use of feedback: • Map current feedback methods • Identify optimal feedback methods (and uses of feedback) • Implement recurring analysis of feedback	 Feedback methods and processes is mapped Optimal feedback methods is identified and approved Themed feedback is reported to the Board 	Executive Manager Quality Assurance	 31 March 2021 31 March 2021 30 September 2021
1.2 Ensure that the diverse range of women and children's voices have an identifiable and measurable impact within WSSSA	Identify impact measures	 Impact measures and reporting frequency are presented to and approved by the Board 	Chief Operating Officer	• 30 September 2020
***************************************	Record impact measures Utilise research experts to develop measures	 Impact measures have been recorded for at least 6 months 	Chief Operating Officer	• 31 March 2021
	Report impact measures to the Board	Board receives the first impact measures	Chief Operating Officer through CEO	• 30 June 2021

Objective 2. Acknowledge, respect and reflect the diversity of women and their children									
Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions Performance Targets Lead		Lead	Due Date					
2.1 Ensure that First Nations People's knowledge, wisdom and authority informs our service provision	Complete and implement First Nations Framework	 First Nations Framework completed First Nations Framework is implemented 	Chief Executive Officer	• 31 December 2020					
2.2 Increase the profile and understanding of children's wellbeing in WSSSA Services	Undertake gap analysis of workforce competencies	Gap analysis of workforce competencies is completed	Chief Operating Officer	• 31 December 2020					
C	Conduct a best-practice review	Best-practice view is completed	Chief Operating Officer	• 30 June 2021					
	Develop a child-focus framework	The child-focus framework is completed and approved	Chief Operating Officer	• 31 December 2021					
2.3 Deliver services that recognise race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, gender identity, age and disability	Embed the First Nations Framework into service delivery	Policies and procedures are updatedStaff training is completed	Chief Operating Officer	31 December 202028 February 2021					
	 Map diversity workforce requirements Undertake gap analysis of workforce 	completed Gap analysis is completed	General Manager of Shared Services People and Culture Manager	31 December 202031 March 202130 September 2021					

Objective 2. Acknowledge, respect and reflect the diversity of women and their children								
Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date				
	Define the concept of inclusivity for WSSSA and develop an inclusivity framework: • Develop an evidence-base for the concept of inclusivity • Develop an inclusivity framework	 A paper on the evidence-base for inclusivity is completed The inclusivity framework is completed and approved Accessibility gaps are presented to ELC and a strategy has been documented 	Chief Executive Officer	31 December 202131 March 202231 March 2022				

	Objective 3: Build and support a sustainable workforce							
Key Focus Area Suggested Actions		Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date				
	3.1 Build the evidence-base to	Partner with a research entity	Research partner identified and MOUL signed.	General Manager Shared	• 30 June 2021			

Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date		
3.1 Build the evidence-base to establish the skillsets and capabilities for a diverse and sustainable workforce	Partner with a research entity to develop an evidence-based framework for sustainable workforce	 Research partner identified and MOU signed 	General Manager Shared Services People and Culture Manager	• 30 June 2021		
	Audit current skillsets across WSSSA – including soft-skills	Audit is designedAudit has been completed	General Manager Shared Services People and Culture Manager	31 December 202031 March 2021		
	Develop WSSSA competency benchmarks and articulate roles in line with the Practice Framework	 Every client-facing role has documented competency benchmarks 	General Manager Shared Services People and Culture Manager	• 30 September 2021		
3.2 Develop career pathways	 Embed the following into the on-boarding process: Lived experience voice (eg as videos) Soft skills expected in the role Practice - Model competencies 	On-boarding process is updated as specified	People and Culture Manager	• 30 June 2020		
	Develop a training framework for existing staff and a recruitment plan to build the skillsets and capabilities within WSSSA	 Training and development plan for existing staff is completed and approved Recruitment plan for new staff is developed and approved 	General Manager Shared Services People and Culture Manager	31 January 202230 June 2022		
	Build the capacity and capabilities of our First Nations	End to end recruitment processes demonstrate	General Manager Shared Services	• 30 November 2020		

Objective 3: Build and support a sustainable workforce								
Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date				
	and culturally and linguistically diverse workforce:	First Nation Framework principles	People and Culture Manager	• 30 June 2021				
	 Embed First Nations Framework principles into recruitment strategies Identify partner opportunities to minimise barriers to entry 	Options for partnering to minimise barriers to entry in the domestic violence and Aboriginal family violence workforce have been presented to the Board						
	Develop and implement a clear and transparent Career Pathway Framework	 Model for succession planning and career pathways is developed Board of Management endorsement of framework 	General Manager Shared Services People and Culture Manager	• 31 December 2020				

Objective 4. Develop and strengt	Objective 4. Develop and strengthen intentional and effective networks and partnerships								
Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date					
4.1 Prioritise and maintain strategic networks and partnerships to maximise service outcomes	 Audit strategic and service partnerships: Map strategic networks Audit current and preferred service partners 	 Maps are complete Audit is complete and submitted to the Board 	Chief Executive Officer	30 September 202030 September 2020					
	Further develop existing and new strategic networks: Develop high-level engagement plan to inform the strategic communications and engagement strategy Assign staff and Board representation to strategic networks	 Engagement plan is completed Staff representation is documented in staff KPIs (inclusive of critical regional networks) Board representation is documented in Board minutes 	Chief Executive Officer	 31 March 2021 30 September 2021 30 September 2021 					
	Further develop service partnerships: Co-tender with service partners Assess current and future MOUs for strategic influences	 At least 2 co-tenders are submitted 90% of MOUs are assessed for strategic content 	Chief Executive Officer Chief Operating Officer	30 June 202230 June 2022					

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Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date						
4.2 Partner with others to maximise our research and evaluation potential	Further develop our research capability: Develop a research plan that meets the needs of WSSSA and our clients Secure formal partnerships with key research organisations Commission a research officer function to audit and consolidate internal data sources	 A research plan is completed and approved by the Board At least one MOU with research organisations is signed WSSSA has a complete audit of internal data sources 	Chief Operating Officer	 30 November 2020 30 June 2021 31 December 2021 						

Objective 5: Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, structure and systems									
Key Focus Area	y Focus Area Suggested Actions Performance Targets Lead		Lead	Due Date					
5.1 Review WSSSA's funding model structure to ensure sustainability and innovation to ensure equitable services across target areas	Partner with funding body to review current contracts and develop flexible funding models across regions and programs	 Meet with DHS to discuss NAHA funded contracts for review and discuss effective funding models Provide progress reports to Board of Management Implementation of one NAHA funding contract 		• 31 December 2020					
5.2 Review and improve WSSSA's governance arrangements	Review and strengthen governance frameworks to reflect current best practice in all aspects of Board performance	 Recommendations for changes to the governance framework are presented for Board approval. 	Board Governance Sub Cttee (to be established on adoption of this plan)	 30 June 2020 (any changes to Constitution would need to be put to AGM in Nov 2020) 					
	Review Board skills and invest in upskilling directors and ELC	Board review is completeAnnual Training for Board and ELC is implemented	Board Governance Sub Cttee	31 August 202030 September 2020					
5.3 Review and improve WSSSA's structure for sustainable growth	Review organisational structure for sustainable growth	Outcome of structure review is approved by the Board	Chief Executive Officer	• 30 September 2020					
	Review programs for sustainability: Establish criteria for sustainability Assess existing programs	 Criteria are established for program sustainability assessment Existing programs are assessed 	Chief Executive Officer	30 September 202031 March 202130 September 2021					

Objective 5: Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, structure and systems Key Focus Area Suggested Actions Performance Targets Lead Due Date Identify potential programs to • Potential programs to pursue review are presented to **ELC** for consideration 5.4 Strengthen WSSSA's Develop stronger business Chief Executive Officer • Needs assessment is • 31 December 2020 systems of work including intelligence capabilities: completed 30 September 2021 business intelligence • Identify organisational needs • Business case is completed capabilities, service delivery • 30 June 2022 (including client outcome and public profile • Implementation plan is measures, research developed and actioned requirements, business reporting requirements and ICT interoperability) • Develop business case for investment (ICT and staff) • Develop implementation plan for business intelligence capabilities Become a greener organisation: • Green organisation Chief Executive Officer framework is completed • Develop a framework for a • 31 March 2022 • A structured plan is greener organisation • 30 September 2021 developed for existing • Develop a structured plan for initiatives • 30 June 2022 existing initiatives • Three new initiatives are • Identify three new initiatives approved by the Board and improve WSSSA's green position and seek Board approval Clearly articulate WSSSA's • Policy is completed and Chief Executive Officer • 31 March 2020 position on intellectual approved • 30 June 2020

Objective 5: Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, structure and systems Key Focus Area Suggested Actions Performance Targets Lead Due Date property and product • Policy communication is • 30 September 2020 development: underway • Develop WSSSA intellectual • Staff have received training property and product for implementation of the development policy policy • Communicate policy to WSSSA staff • Train WSSSA staff on the implementation of the intellectual property and product development policy Develop a plan for corporate • Plan for corporate Communications and • 30 June 2021 sponsorship and fundraising Marketing Officer sponsorship and fundraising • From 30 June 2021 is complete • Activity for sponsorship and/or fundraising is reported to the Board quarterly Ensure we have a strong WSSSA brand is approved Communications and • 31 December 2020 identity and public presence: by the Board Marketing Officer • 30 June 2021 • Further develop the WSSSA • Internal communication • 30 March 2022 identity and define the strategy is implemented WSSSA brand Marketing plan is approved • Develop and implement an and implemented internal communication strategy with staff to support sharing of WSSSA identity and brand with clients and stakeholders

Objective 5: Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, structure and systems								
Key Focus Area	Suggested Actions	Performance Targets	Lead	Due Date				
	Develop and implement a marketing plan							

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1.1 Engage with women and their children with lived experience													
Establish a clear and transparent `Lived Experience' client engagement framework													
Review and improve positive feedback and complaints methods including internal use of feedback: • Map current feedback methods													
Identify optimal feedback methods (and uses of feedback)													
Implement recurring analysis of feedback													
1.2 Ensure that the diverse range of women and children's voices have an identifiable and measurable impact within WSSSA													
Identify impact measures													
Record impact measures Utilise research experts to develop measures													
Report impact measures to the Board													
Objective 2: Acknowledge, respect and reflect the diversity of women and their	childrer	ı											
2.1 Ensure that First Nations People's knowledge, wisdom and authority informs our service provision													
Complete and implement First Nations Framework													
2.2 Increase the profile and understanding of children's wellbeing in WSSSA Services													

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Undertake a gap analysis of workforce competencies															
Conduct a best practice review															
Develop a child-focus framework															
2.3 Deliver services that recognise race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, gender identity, age and disability															
Embed the First Nations Framework into service delivery															
Develop and work to a diversity policy: • Map diversity workforce requirements															
Undertake gap analysis of workforce															
Develop strategies for the training and recruitment of diverse workforce															
Define the concept of inclusivity for WSSSA and develop an inclusivity framework • Develop an evidence-base for the concept of inclusivity															
Develop an inclusivity framework															
Objective 3. Build and support a sustainable workforce															
3.1 Build the evidence-base for the skillsets and capabilities for a diverse and sustainable workforce															
Partner with a research entity to develop an evidence-based framework for sustainable workforce															
Audit current skillsets across WSSSA – including soft-skills															

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Develop WSSSA competency benchmarks and articulate roles in line with Practice Framework														
3.2 Develop career pathways														
 Embed the following into the on-boarding process: Lived experience voice (eg as videos) Soft skills expected in the role Practice-Model competencies 														
Develop a training framework for existing staff and a recruitment plan to build the skillsets and capabilities within WSSSA														
Build the capacity and capabilities of our First Nations and culturally and linguistically diverse workforce: • Embed First Nations Framework principles into recruitment strategies														
Identify partner opportunities to minimise barriers to entry														
Develop and implement a clear and transparent Career Pathway Framework														
Objective 4. Develop and strengthen intentional and effective networks and particles.	rtnershi	ps												
4.1 Prioritise and maintain strategic networks and partnerships to maximise service out	comes													
Audit strategic and service partnerships: • Map strategic networks														
Audit current and preferred service partners														
Further develop existing and new strategic networks: Develop high-level engagement plan to inform the strategic communications and engagement strategy														

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Assign staff and Board representation to strategic networks															
 Further develop service partnerships: Co-tender with service partners Assess current and future MOU's for strategic influences 															
4.2 Partner with others to maximise our research and evaluation potential															
Further develop our research capability: • Develop a research plan that meets the needs of WSSSA and our clients															
Secure formal partnerships with key research organisations															
Commission a research officer function to audit and consolidate internal data sources															
Objective 5: Strengthen WSSSA sustainability through improved governance, stre	ucture a	and syst	ems												
5.1 Review WSSSA's funding model structure to ensure sustainability and innovation to e	ensure e	quitable	services	across t	arget are	eas									
Partner with funding body to review current contracts and develop flexible funding models across regions and programs															
5.2 Review and improve WSSSA's governance arrangements															
Review and strengthen governance frameworks to reflect current best practice in all aspects of Board performance															
Review Board skills and invest in upskilling directors and ELC															
5.3 Review and improve WSSSA's structure for sustainable growth															
Review organisational structure for sustainable growth															

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Review programs for sustainability: • Establish criteria for sustainability															
Assess existing programs															
Identify potential programs to pursue															
5.4 Strengthen WSSSA's systems of work including business intelligence capabilities, service delivery and public profile															
 Develop stronger business intelligence capabilities: Identify organisational needs (including client outcome measures, research requirements, business reporting requirements and ICT interoperability) 															
Develop business case for investment (ICT and staff)															
Develop implementation plan for business intelligence capabilities															
Become a greener organisation: • Develop a framework for a greener organisation															
Develop a structured plan for existing initiatives															
Identify three new initiatives and improve WSSSA's green position and seek Board approval															
Clearly articulate WSSSA's position on intellectual property and product development: • Develop WSSSA intellectual property and product development policy															
Communicate policy to WSSSA staff															
Train WSSSA staff on the implementation of the intellectual property and product development policy															

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	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	Jan	Mar	June	Sept	Dec	
Develop a plan for corporate sponsorship and fundraising														
Ensure we have a strong identity and public presence: • Further develop the WSSSA identity and define the WSSSA brand														
Develop and implement an internal communication strategy with staff to support sharing of WSSSA identity and brand with clients and stakeholders														
Develop and implement a marketing plan														