

ANROWS

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESEARCH  
ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

*to Reduce Violence against Women & their Children*

# Realising a vision

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# What is ANROWS & the National Plan?

- not-for-profit, independent national research organisation
- an initiative under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.
- 4 x 3-year Action Plans
  1. Building a strong foundation 2010-2013
  2. Moving ahead 2013-2016 Second Action Plan Media Hub (DSS)
- “Second Action Plan Media Hub” – DSS website

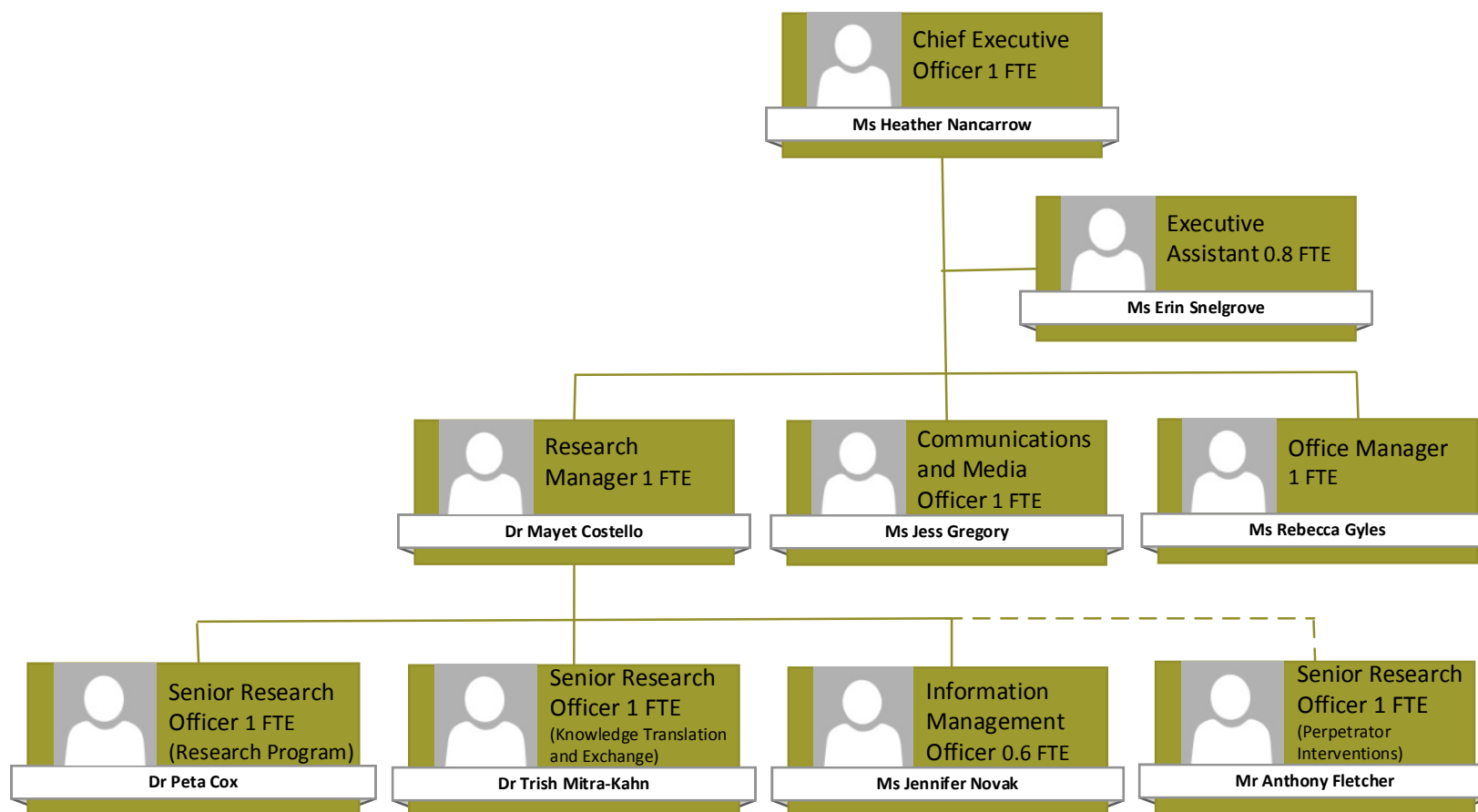
# ANROWS: Purpose

- Lead national efforts to enhance the evidence base in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault across research, education and service delivery organisations to support the *National Plan*
- Focus on translating evidence to resource policy development and service delivery responses
- Influence the broader national research agenda across affiliated areas (e.g. homelessness and child protection).

# ANROWS: Governance

- Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee
- Members of the company (9) – Commonwealth, States & Territories of Australia
- Governed by a Constitution and Board of Directors:
  - ❖ Chaired by Emeritus Professor Anne R Edwards AO
  - ❖ 4 Government Directors (1 C'wealth, 3 State/Territory)
  - ❖ 5 Independent Directors

# ANROWS: Organisational structure



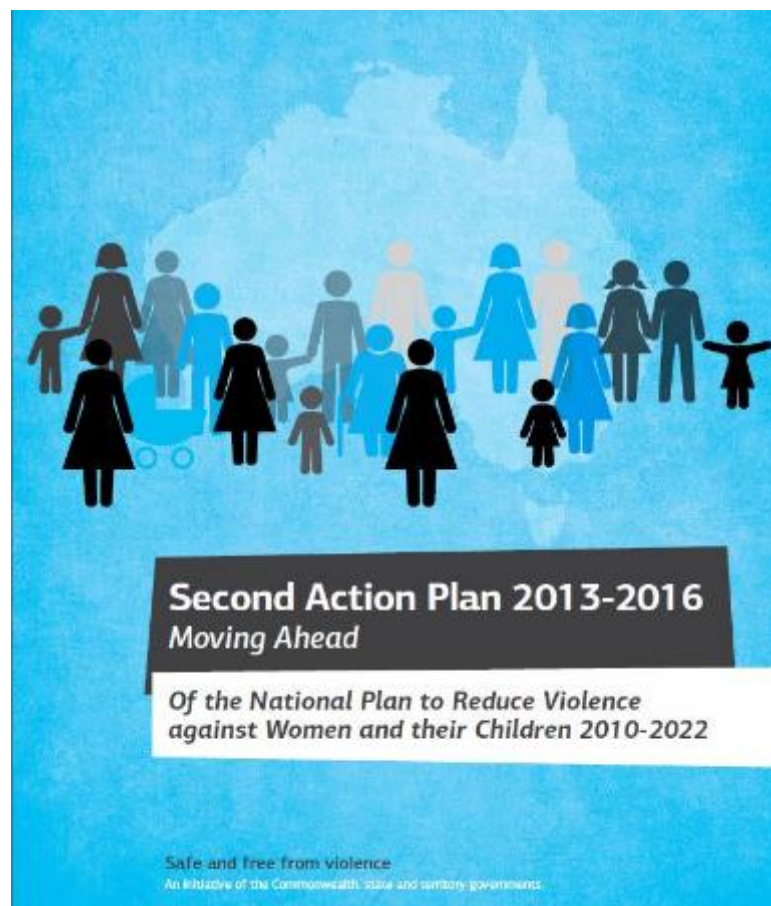
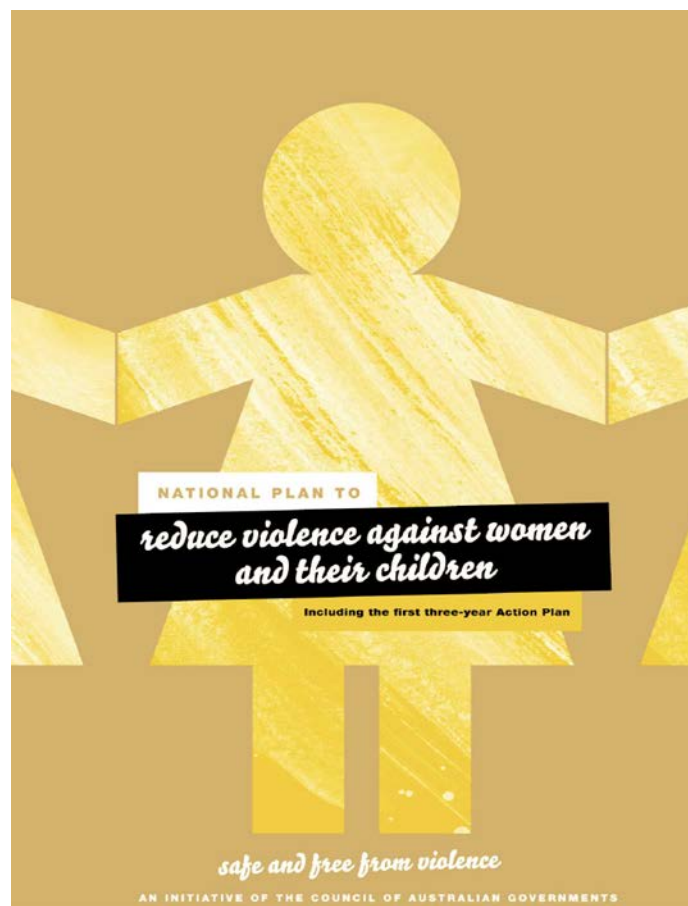
# ANROWS: Vision and Mission

- ***Vision:*** To be an innovative research organisation with authoritative leadership and high impact to support the National Plan.
- ***Mission:*** To deliver relevant and translatable research evidence which drives policy and practice leading to a reduction in the levels of violence against women and their children.

# ANROWS: Core functions



# National Plan & Second Action Plan





# ANROWS & the Second Action Plan

## Actions for ANROWS in the Second Action Plan

<b>1</b>	<b>Supporting communities</b> - Primary Prevention Framework
<b>3</b>	<b>Promoting gender equality</b> – National Research Agenda
<b>10</b>	<b>Learning ‘what works’ in Indigenous community safety</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Strengthening systems &amp; service integration</b> – Strategic Research Theme in NRA

# ANROWS & the Second Action Plan

## Actions for ANROWS in the Second Action Plan

<b>16</b>	<b>Supporting children who have been exposed to violence</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Improving the evidence base on perpetrator interventions</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Implementing the National Research Agenda</b>

# ANROWS & the Second Action Plan

## General actions for ANROWS

Support implementation of Second Action Plan by:

- contributing to annual roundtables
- translating & distributing knowledge to support policy and practice development.

# ANROWS: Key tasks

- Produce a *National Research Agenda (NRA)*
- Develop and undertake a program of new research
- Facilitate collaborative links between policy-makers, service providers and researchers
- Knowledge translation & exchange (clearinghouse) functions

# National Research Agenda

## ➤ Informed by:

- Two gap analyses of contemporary Australian research on violence against women:
  - National statistical collections
  - Research since 2000
  
- National stakeholder consultation and engagement:
  - 127 written submissions
  - 6 stakeholder roundtables (over 75 participants).

# National Research Agenda (Continued)

➤ Four Strategic Research Themes (SRTs):

- 1) Experience and Impacts
- 2) Gender Inequality and Primary Prevention
- 3) Service Responses and Interventions
- 4) Systems

➤ <http://www.anrows.org.au/about/national-research-agenda>

# ANROWS's Research Priorities 2014-16

## ➤ Four types of projects under *Research Priorities* :

1. Large-scale, multi-jurisdictional national projects
2. Projects funded under open grants application process
3. Small-scale, commissioned projects
4. Other projects ANROWS is commissioned to undertake (e.g. Commonwealth-funded Perpetrator Interventions Research)

<http://anrows.org.au/sites/default/files/page-attachments/ANROWS-Research-Priorities-Summary.pdf>

# ANROWS's Research Program 2014-16

- Significance to policy-makers and service providers:
  - Core principle of collaboration, partnerships and capacity building
  - Focus on research of direct relevance to policy makers & practitioners
  - Emphasis on knowledge translation for accessibility and influence on policy and practice



# Recent developments

- 16 May ANROWS, NRA & grants applications launched
- Projects underway:
  - National framework for primary prevention (ANROWS with *Our Watch & VicHealth*)
  - Best practice in knowledge translation (under peer review)
  - Best practice in judicial education (state of knowledge paper)
- 11 July – grants applications closed
  - Peer assessments completed & contracts for open grants negotiated
  - EOI for large-scale, multi-jurisdictional projects

# Next steps

- 31 October - announcement of Research Program 2014-2016
- Perpetrator Interventions Research Program
- Research conference 2016

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