

2017 Annual Report



Courage

Integrity

Fairness

Inclusion

Message from **our President**



Our members are the heart of NCOSS.

This year we've worked hard to ensure a strong, effective, connected, collaborative community sector. We've built a better partnership with government and advocated for fair and reasonable reform and procurement to deliver a fair deal for our sector. We've also been on the front foot; equipping our members to evolve and be innovative – including in social and collective impact. This culminated in bringing together sector, government and

investors for the Investing for Good Conference and Marketplace, the first of its kind in Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, stakeholders, staff and board members who have all played a role in NCOSS going from strength to strength this year.

Tony Davies
President, NCOSS



Message from **our CEO**



At NCOSS we know our communities are one of this State's most important assets.

They are strong, resilient, innovative and have the solutions to solve the challenges they face. This year we built on our engagement across the State. We visited 25 towns and spoke to over 200 organisations across NSW. We heard directly from people, leaders and services on their key issues and the solutions

they see delivering real change. We took forward these priorities, solutions and stories in our advocacy for a fairer NSW for all.

Tracy McLeod Howe
CEO, NCOSS



AN INFLUENTIAL VOICE

Secured \$6 MILLION for Community Legal Centres

Investing in Communities
288 people, 216 organisations, 417 low income households consulted, 26 workshops across NSW, 7 budget asks for the State

Aging Roundtable focused on social connection

Balancing the Scales
Childhood Obesity Report + Healthy Weights Forum
12 recommendations and >80 forum attendees

Secured Social and Affordable Housing Fund Phase 2
focus on older women

46 submissions, reports + policy papers

350 items media coverage
Monthly spot The Drum ABC

61 presentations and keynote addresses at conferences + forums

Participated in COAG Summit on Reducing Violence against Women Submission focusing on violence against Children

3 appearances at committee hearings, senate inquiries

Secured \$16.3 MILLION for oral health services, including in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

Participated in 11 government advisory committees + 13 external committees

Budget analysis launched by Treasurer with >60 members released Women's Budget Statement

Turning off the Lights
Spoke to **440** people living below the poverty line for cost of living report on energy

Secured \$1.5 MILLION for nurse-led home visits in social housing

Poor Health: The Cost of Living in NSW Report
Spoke to **417** low income households

New Perspectives forums on housing and early childhood years

STRONG & CONNECTED

Created new strategic direction for FONGA
115 members
3 working groups

Expert NCOSS team

Supported members

Connected members to government, academia & business

Kept members informed >170 articles
1500 fortnightly enews subscribers

Spotlighted members innovation & achievements

Networked members to connect to best practice and build collaboration

Convened 14 expert committees & advisory panels

Fair Deal 4 Forums equipping sector for reform

Regional Roadshows 25 towns

Good governance

Workforce Report exploring characteristics and leaders' perceptions of sector

Engaged 414 MEMBERS in capacity development opportunities

Connected 2,250 subscribers to 950 sector jobs

Skilled to Thrive Equipped disability info + advocacy organisations for future reforms

Shone light on Intersecting disadvantage

A PLATFORM FOR POSSIBILITY

Western Sydney Collective 3 Projects
Wilcannia Men's Group
Western Sydney Collective
Thrive 2484 Northern Rivers

Connect members to Knowledge and Opportunity

New Year for Women >100 cross-sectoral leaders' Summit
Created movement for change + Action Plan
Delegation to UN CSW61

Mobilised members in coordinated advocacy

1st of its kind, Investing for Good Conference
>150 leaders
Marketplace formed partnerships and collaboration

Co-chaired Social Innovation Council
Benchmarking model
New Human Services Agreement Industry accreditation body

Bridge Builder

Participated in NSW Social Impact Investing Expert Advisory Group

Social Impact Investing Discussion Paper joint submission with QCOSS

tin7 No Child in Poverty campaign

Championed regional + place-based solutions

Empowering the West advocacy

A NSW free from poverty and inequality

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the country on which we work. We pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.