

Communique - Carers Advisory Council

Carers Advisory Council Meeting – 18 September 2023

The NSW Carers Advisory Council held its third meeting for 2023 on Monday 18 September 2023.

The Council met with the Hon Jodie Harrison MP, Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, who acknowledged the Council's continued commitment and support for carers.

This was Minister Harrison's second meeting with the Council. Issues raised include programs to support carers in or returning to the workplace; limited access to medical services in regional and remote areas; cost of living pressures and the difficulties of navigating an online carer support system.

The Council received an informative presentation from Ms Wendy Hill, Carers NSW, about Aged Care Reforms.

The Council reported back on the first of the Council's series of Conversations with Carers for this financial year. It was held in Newcastle on 11 September 2023 and facilitated by the Chair, Prue Warrilow. It was an opportunity for carers to share their experiences, meet the new Minister and learn about practical and financial supports available for them. The Council is hoping to hold more Conversations with Carers events in 2024.

The Council endorsed its Carers Financial Wellbeing position paper and began working on a position paper regarding parents who are carers of children with disability finding supports within the school education system.

The Council received updates from NSW Health, Carers NSW and the Department of Communities and Justice.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for 4 December 2023.

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