

## Media Release

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### **Acknowledging work to address violence against women**

This morning ANROWS CEO Heather Nancarrow attended a breakfast hosted by the Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO to mark White Ribbon Day.

Held in Brisbane, the breakfast was organised by the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, of which Ms Nancarrow is a member.

At the breakfast Ms Bryce released *Our Journal*, a publication sharing the stories of people who have been affected by domestic and family violence.

Ms Nancarrow held consultations in Roma and St George and attended the Taskforce Summit in Townsville as part of her role on the taskforce.

“Consultations have highlighted the importance of changing attitudes as critical to preventing violence, more effective co-ordination across government and non-government agencies and improved justice responses to hold perpetrators of violence accountable,” she said.

“Participants in the south west also spoke of particular challenges associated with remoteness and very traditional views about the roles of men and women in relationships.”

Today also marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the beginning of the 16 days of activism against gender based violence.

Ms Nancarrow said it was important to acknowledge the incredible work to address violence against women in Australia over the past forty years.

“Without grassroots action by women, for women in the community, the landscape for service delivery and public policy would be vastly different,” she said.

“ANROWS is committed to contributing to the evidence base on domestic, family and sexual violence in Australia to support the implementation of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children*.”

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Launched in May this year, Australia’s National Research Organisation for Women’s Safety (ANROWS) is a not-for-profit independent national research organisation, jointly funded by the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.

A key initiative under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the National Plan), ANROWS aims to build, distribute and promote evidence to drive policy and practice aimed at reducing levels of violence against women and their children and alleviating its impact.