

Communiqué

Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

29 June 2022

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held its tenth meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022.

The Committee meeting began with an update from the Department about the recent state budget announcements, which includes a funding boost of **\$126.5 million over four years** for the delivery of community and social services for Queenslanders. A summary of the funding boost includes:

- **\$51.8 million operational funding for the state's government funded neighbourhood and community centres**, enabling centres to provide valuable services and supports within their communities. It includes an increase in operational funding for neighbourhood and community centres, raising their minimum base funding to \$230,000.
- An expansion of the **Community Connect Workers program** which includes \$9.33M over 4 years for to 20 workers in select neighbourhood and community centres in areas of greatest need across the state
- investment of **\$39 million to deliver new neighbourhood and community centres** and enhance our existing centres, in addition to the \$7.2 million already committed to build new neighbourhood and community centres in Rockhampton and Yarrabilba
- **\$9 million for a capital upgrades program** to make essential repairs and upgrades to existing sites
- **\$4 million for an innovation fund** that will provide grants and support innovative, community-led projects to combat social isolation and loneliness
- an investment of **\$2.1 million to support the development of plans and initiatives that address social isolation and loneliness**, including the development of training and resources to support workers and volunteers in the sector.

The Committee then revisited discussions around the strategic framework, noting that work had been progressing out-of-session. Members agreed to hold a workshop to progress the development of a new performance and reporting framework. Members also discussed progress on the Terms of Reference review. A revision of the document is currently underway to ensure it remains accurate and reflective of the Committee objectives.

The tenth meeting was attended by Committee members: Karen Dare, Louise Judge, Nancy Spencer, Sandra Elton and Tomas Passeggi. Apologies for the meeting were Belinda Drew, Mara Basanovic, Tanya Stevenson, Regina Turner, Gary Adsett, Matthew Cox.

The Committee welcomes queries or suggestions that can be emailed to the Committee Secretariat NCCCommittee@chde.qld.gov.au.

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