

# Communique

## Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

9 March 2022

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held its first meeting of the new year on Wednesday 9 March 2022.

The meeting began with an update from the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (the department) on their responses to the flooding event in Queensland in February and March 2022. The mobilisation of the Community Recovery Hubs in flood impacted areas, community recovery grants available, and the valuable work of Volunteering Queensland in assisting with the flood recovery was discussed.

The department then provided an update to the Committee about the next steps for the Strategic Repositioning project, following the online engagement forums held in December 2021, including commencing work on subsequent elements of the strategic framework.

The Committee heard from Neighbourhood Centres Queensland (NCQ) who presented on disaster resilience and the role and value of NCCs. The capacity for NCCs to adapt quickly during disaster to meet the needs of their local community, and the role of NCCs in preparation, response and recovery during disaster periods was discussed.

Finally, the department provided the Committee with a presentation that summarised the key outcomes of the online engagement forums, held in 2021 with the NCC sector. The Committee discussed the key themes regarding the strengths, challenges and future aspirations for the NCC system. The Chair thanked the Committee members for their contributions, and NCQ for their valuable presentation and discussions with the Committee.

The sixth meeting was attended by Committee members: Ms Louise Judge, Ms Mara Basanovic, Ms Karen Dare, Ms Belinda Drew, Ms Sandra Elton, Ms Nancy Spencer, Ms Tanya Stevenson, Mr Tomas Passeggi. Apologies for the meeting were Ms Regina Turner, Ms Nyoka Fetoa'I, Mr Gary Adsett, Mr Matthew Cox, Ms Lauren Stephenson and Ms Irene Violet.

The Committee welcomes queries or suggestions that can be emailed to the Committee Secretariat [NCCCommittee@chde.qld.gov.au](mailto:NCCCommittee@chde.qld.gov.au).

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