

# Communique

## Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

9 June 2021

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held their inaugural meeting on Wednesday, 9 June 2021.

The purpose of the Committee is to work with the department on developing and implementing a new strategic framework to support NCCs.

The Committee is made up of sector representatives and stakeholders from NCCs, peak bodies, universities and other community service organisations who bring an array of diverse experiences and knowledge.

The meeting was predominantly focussed on Committee member introductions, and discussions regarding the purpose and direction of the Committee. The Committee aims to co-design a renewed approach to strategically reposition NCCs in Queensland to leverage their place-based expertise and value to the community. More than 125 NCCs in Queensland employ over 900 people, co-ordinate over 544,000 volunteer hours per annum and provide meeting places for the community, build social cohesion and deliver a first point-of-contact for community members in need.

The Committee heard from member Dr Nancy Spencer, from the Policy Innovation Hub at Griffith University, who discussed her insights on NCCs. Nancy explored the contribution of NCCs, the current challenges and opportunities for the way forward.

The Committee will work toward adopting a refreshed strategic framework for NCCs, with a focus on purpose, investment, as well as performance and outcomes.

The Committee will continue to engage and consult with the sector and wider community on concepts as they arise through the Committee's work on repositioning NCCs.

The Committee is chaired by the Assistant Director-General, Communities from the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE), and the first meeting was attended by Committee members: Ms Belinda Drew, Mr Gary Adsett, Ms Karen Dare, Ms Lauren Stephenson, Ms Louise Judge, Ms Mara Basanovic, Mr Matthew Cox, Dr Nancy Spencer, Ms Nyoka Fetoa'i, Ms Regina Turner, Ms Sandra Elton, Ms Tanya Stevenson and Mr Tomas Passeggi attended in full with Mr Adrian Carson as an apology. A representative from Minister Leeanne Enoch's office attended for the first half of the meeting, and three additional departmental representatives attended the full meeting.

The Committee welcomes queries or suggestions which can be emailed to the Committee Secretariat through the following email address: [NCCCommittee@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:NCCCommittee@communities.qld.gov.au).

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