



# Partnering for impact to reduce homelessness in Queensland



# Homelessness in Queensland

Snapshot from ABS Census data, 2016

**21,715**  
people

Were homeless



Homelessness rate:  
**46.1** per **10,000** people



**20.5%** (4,450) were  
Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander people

Over **30%** were aged **24** years and  
under

Growing cohort of persons over **55** years of  
age are **20%** of homeless population

Female **42%** Male **58%**

Areas with **reductions** were:

Central Queensland

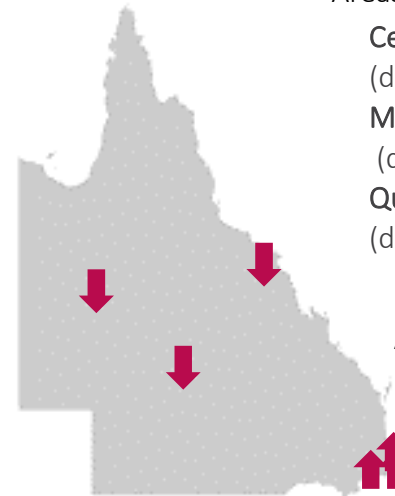
(down 30% from 1,330 to 929),

Mackay - Isaac – Whitsunday

(down 19% from 860 to 695)

Queensland - Outback

(down 10% from 2,104 to 1,892)



Areas with **increases** were:

Moreton Bay - North

(up 72% from 521 to 894),

Brisbane Inner City

(up 68% from 1,735 to 2,915)

Brisbane West

(up 37% from 220 to 301)

# Housing Strategy Package



- 10 year Queensland Housing Strategy: 2017-2027
- 3 year action plan: 2017-2020 establishes foundations for longer term reform

Drives service delivery reforms, including:

- Commitment to work with homelessness sector to deliver pathways for people to avoid or end homelessness
- Pathways to safe, secure and affordable housing
- Boosting supply of social and affordable housing
- Supporting people to access and sustain private housing
- Person-centred, meeting individual needs and aspirations
- Supporting economic and social participation
- Early intervention and supportive housing
- Seamless service delivery and collaborative approaches

# Stakeholders told us that we need:

- greater certainty and continuity of funding
- pathways out of homelessness
- more flexible and outcome based funding
- better systems and digital infrastructure
- place-based and local solutions
- emphasis on prevention and early intervention and tenancy sustainment
- alignment across programs and government agencies

# Taking a new partnership approach



Partnering  
for impact



Strengthening  
the service system



Expanding our  
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# Partnerships in action

## Dignity First Fund



Everything starts **with an idea**  
*Helping people survive homelessness with dignity*

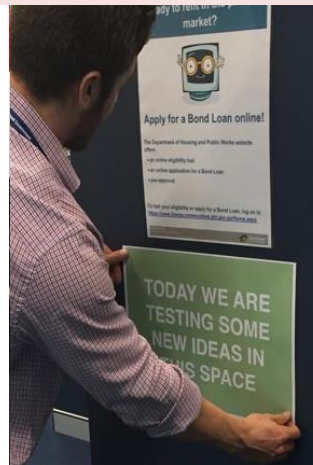
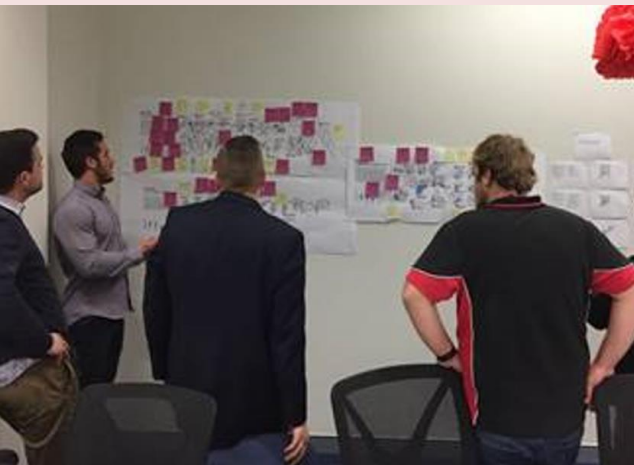


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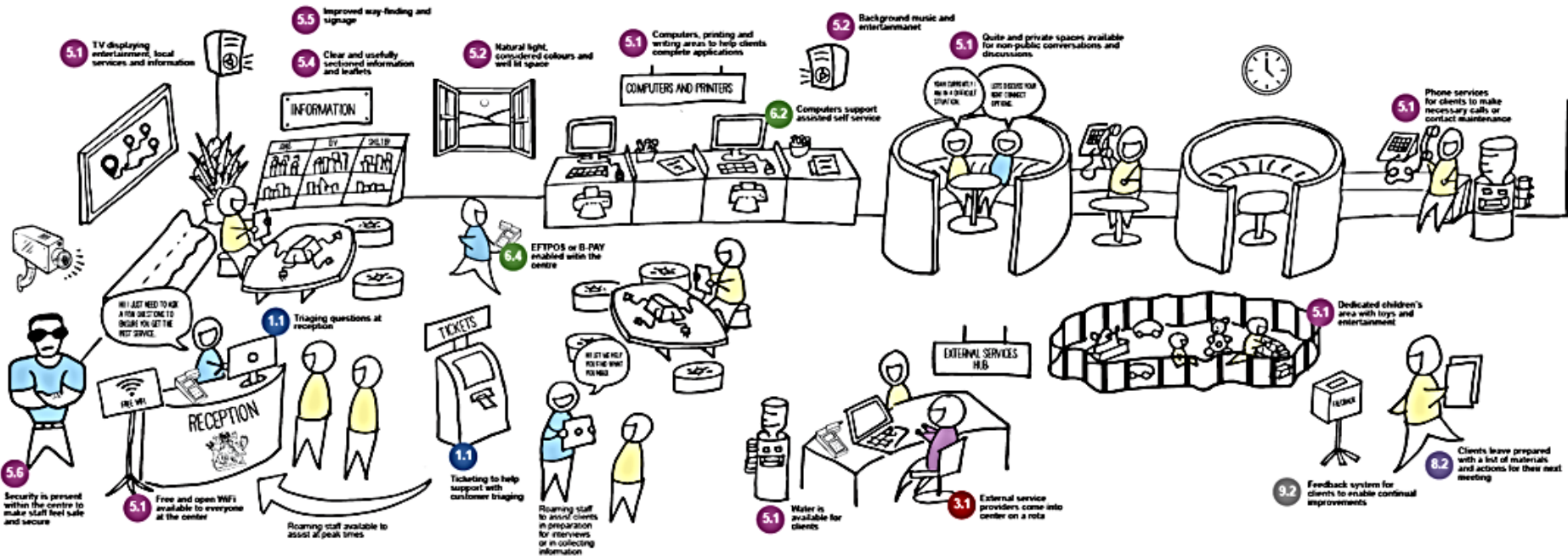
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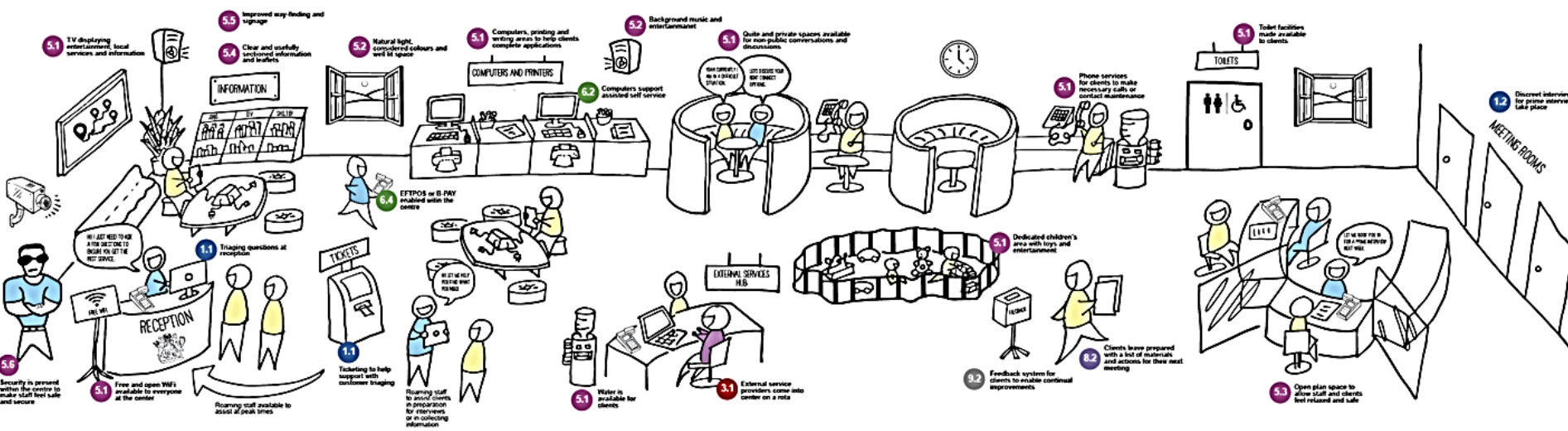
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## Youth Foyer



# Our next steps

- **Partnering for impact** details the broad directions and initial actions to generate innovation and revitalisation in our responses to homelessness.
- First step will be to **implement 5-year service agreements** for existing services.
- **Develop a shared vision** and program of work to map a way forward to implement Partnering for Impact.



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## Department of Housing and Public Works

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