

Communique

Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

21 July 2021

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held their second meeting on Wednesday, 21 July 2021.

The Hon. Leeanne Enoch, Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts welcomed members to the second meeting and thanked them for their contributions to the Committee. Minister Enoch acknowledged the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on NCCs and reiterated the value of the Committee in co-designing a new strategic framework as leaders and champions of place-based approaches.

At the previous meeting, held in June 2021, members introduced themselves and discussed both the challenges and opportunities for NCCs. The second meeting was primarily focussed on a deep dive into the Committee workplan, with conversations around scope and roles, expectations, and deliverables.

The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (the department) presented an overview on data and evidence, and the Committee discussed opportunities for data sharing with the department. The data will provide an evidence base to frame the NCC strategic framework.

The Committee heard from the Queensland Families and Communities Association (QFCA) who presented on potential elements of a refreshed data and reporting framework, that aims to collect meaningful statistics from NCCs, without creating a burden on NCC staff and volunteers. QFCA also discussed the results of their annual Queensland Neighbourhood Centres survey (for more information visit: [Survey Results | QFCA](#)).

The department discussed with the Committee about the range of communication and engagement strategies available. The Committee then discussed potential approaches to communication and engagement that could be set up to work with the broader community and sector to support development of the NCC strategic framework.

The second meeting was attended by Committee members: Ms Belinda Drew, Ms Karen Dare, Ms Lauren Stephenson, Ms Louise Judge, Ms Mara Basanovic, Mr Matthew Cox, Dr Nancy Spencer, Ms Regina Turner, Ms Sandra Elton, Ms Tanya Stevenson and Mr Tomas Passeggi, with Mr Adrian Carson, Ms Nyoka Fetoa'i and Mr Gary Adsett as apologies.

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

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Chair

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