

Communique

Neighbourhood and Community Centre Strategic Repositioning Committee

20 October 2021

The Queensland Neighbourhood and Community Centre (NCC) Strategic Repositioning Committee held their third meeting on Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

This meeting was primarily focussed on the development of the new strategic framework focussed on an agreed purpose for NCCs. The Committee discussed a draft working paper developed by a Committee sub-group, with the support of Professor Tim Reddel, from the University of Queensland.

The Committee also heard from two presenters at the meeting. The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (the department) presented an overview of the information shared to date at the Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness in Queensland, being conducted by the Community Support and Services Committee of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. Further documentation about the inquiry is available online at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/>. The Committee discussed the interfaces of social isolation and loneliness with NCCs.

The department co-presented on the importance of volunteering in Queensland with Ms Mara Basanovic, Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering Queensland (VQ). The presentations outlined the ways the department and VQ are supporting volunteers, the benefits of volunteering, influences on volunteering and the implications for NCCs, and the role volunteers play in NCCs.

The third meeting was attended by Committee members: Ms Belinda Drew, Ms Karen Dare, Ms Louise Judge, Ms Mara Basanovic, Dr Nancy Spencer, Ms Sandra Elton, Ms Tanya Stevenson Mr Tomas Passeggi, and Ms Nyoka Fetoa'i. Mr Matthew Cox, Ms Jody Currie, Ms Lauren Stephenson, Ms Regina Turner and Mr Gary Adsett were apologies, with Ms Bec Andlemac attending the meeting for Mr Adsett.

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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