



MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Logan

On Wednesday, **18 October 2017**, the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council (the Council) travelled to **Logan** to observe local initiatives to address domestic and family violence, including the **Logan-Beenleigh integrated service response trial**.

Council members met with a range of local representatives during the visit, conducting meetings in relation to:

- the **R4Respect Strategy** – a program based around youth ambassadors from Logan who are working to role model and promote respectful relationships and prevent anti-social behaviour among other young people in the community.
- **Logan's community response to domestic and family violence** – a collaboration between local government and other community leaders in Logan that promotes grassroots action in the Logan community to address domestic and family violence.
- the **Logan Hospital Health Justice partnership** – an initiative that locates a lawyer within the Logan Hospital to provide free legal advice to victims of domestic and family violence who are admitted to hospital. The meeting also discussed involvement of health representatives in other domestic and family violence initiatives.
- the **99 Steps Program** – an initiative to support culturally and linguistically diverse members of the Logan community impacted by domestic and family violence.
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives** – community members and organisations working to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people impacted by domestic and family violence in Logan, including Strong Women Talking 'Marigurim Mubi Yangu', Murri Sisters Inc., Mercy Community Services, Gallang Place, and Ganyjuu and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
- the **Logan-Beenleigh high risk team** – the first of eight multi-agency high risk teams being established to provide integrated responses to victims and their children assessed to be at high risk of serious harm or death.

The Council also hosted a lunch with members of the **Logan-Beenleigh integrated service response**, a broad range of stakeholders who work together to address systemic issues as a part of the integrated response trial.

Following activities with local stakeholders, the Council held its meeting in Logan. Reflecting and reporting on the morning's meetings, Council members noted the **strong and diverse range of domestic and family violence initiatives** operating in the Logan area. **The Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence** attended the first section of the meeting.

Key points noted by the Council included:

- the impressive work of the **R4Respect youth ambassadors**, and the promising qualities of the R4Respect Strategy as a means of engaging with young people in relation to domestic and family violence
- the links being forged between local government, local services and the broader Logan community through **Logan's community response to domestic and family violence**
- the range of work occurring in the **health sector in Logan** to support patients affected by domestic and family violence
- the progress being made by the **Logan-Beenleigh high risk team**, and the strong commitment and dedicated efforts of its members
- the importance of **services and strategies that meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** members of the Logan community in relation to domestic and family violence and the positive efforts of local organisations and workers
- the unique pressures faced by **culturally and linguistically diverse** members of the community in relation to domestic and family violence, and the **value of specialist services** which address these issues.

Council members reported on activities that occurred since its last meeting, including a **meeting between Council members and representatives from the Department of Health** on 28 September 2017 on reform progress within the health sector. In addition, it was noted that some members had participated in a **workshop on disability and domestic and family violence** on 12 October 2017. In both cases, the meetings **identified positive progress** and **articulated emerging issues** in the approach to domestic and family violence in the two sectors.

The Council discussed the outcomes of the 4 October 2017 meeting of its **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group** and identified the availability of **perpetrator programs** as an issue for further consideration by the Council.

Government members of the Council provided updates in relation to the **implementation of initiatives** to deliver on the recommendations of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report, including that:

- a **developmental evaluation** of the **integrated response trials in Logan-Beenleigh, Mount Isa and Cherbourg** has been undertaken, which focuses on identifying and documenting lessons learnt in the establishment of the trials and will support roll-out in future sites
- activities under the **engagement and communication strategy** are continuing, with the first phase of a **bystander campaign** being developed
- options for **electronic monitoring of high risk offenders** are being considered.

The Council also discussed issues to be considered in developing its annual report for the period to 30 November 2017, which will be delivered to the Premier and Minister Fentiman.