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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FORUM

COMMUNIQUE - MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2019

Another major achievement delivering on one of the Premier's identified priorities for the Forum, the final Collaboration Report completed by the Working Group incorporates findings from the Literature Review and the valuable 32 exemplar case studies received from the government and community services sector.

The Literature Review developed by the Working Group provides an excellent assessment of local, national and international evidence that identifies the attributes, enablers and barriers to collaboration to address complex social challenges. The majority of the 32 collaborative exemplars collated from Forum member networks are based on longstanding cooperation, partnerships and working collectively and have helped shape and inform the report.

The Collaboration Working Group discussed the practical tools, strategies and 10 recommendations in the report suggested to support behavioural change and improve collaboration and effectiveness.

Endorsed by the Forum at the 2 December meeting, the report is an important resource for both the government and community services sector, and will help build, support and sustain a culture of collaboration within the government and community services sector.

The Data Sharing and Linkage Working Group provided an update on the actions to promote public discussion on the '[Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing – Discussion Paper](#)', including the range of strategies employed to reach Western Australians from diverse backgrounds, business, government and community services organisations. A total of 28 online comments and 59 written submissions were received, and a total of 3901 people engaged across all platforms.

The Homelessness Strategy Working Group discussed the release of the final 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness and the launch event on 11 December 2019, with final updates provided by remaining Working Groups.

Other significant matters discussed included discussions on the cultural competency and awareness programs and initiatives currently pursued across the WA public sector by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Public Sector Commission, and reflections on the Forum over 2018 – 2019 following end-of-term review discussions between the Forum Chair and Deputy Chair individually with each Forum member.

[Minutes](#) for every meeting are available on the Forum's webpage.

The 2 December meeting marks the eighth and final meeting of the Forum, and now that the term of the current Supporting Communities Forum 2018 - 2019 has ended, the Working Groups will also formally conclude. Once new members of the Supporting Communities Forum 2020 – 2021 have been appointed and the Forum's priorities confirmed, new working groups will be established based on these priorities.

The final meeting of Forum finished on a high note with an end of term Christmas lunch attended by the Hon Simone McGurk MLA and the Hon Premier Mark McGowan, who personally thanked Forum members for their significant contributions and efforts over 2018 and 2019.

An End of Term Report on the Supporting Communities Forum 2018 – 2019 has been prepared and provides an overview of the Forum with regards to its objectives, key activities and achievements during 2018 - 2019. A copy of the report will be made available on the Forum's webpage.

Please feel free to distribute this Communique and the Forum's End of Term Report to your wider networks.

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