

## BRISBANE

# Regional Child and Family Committee Communique

September 2016

## September RCFC meeting

### Focus on Domestic and Family Violence prevention

The Brisbane Region Child and Family Committee meeting in September 2016 focused on the area of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) prevention.

As part of the DFV focussed intent of the Committee Meeting, regular RCFC members were joined by key stakeholders from the DFV sector in the region, who had been invited to participate in joint discussion and planning on this important priority.

Karyn Walsh (CEO, Micah Projects) and Sarah Hyde (Regional Manager, Probation and Parole) presented to the Committee and guests, about the work already underway by the Domestic and Family Violence Sub-Committee in the Brisbane region.

This Sub-Committee was established in 2015, to support the implementation of the recommendations of the *Not Now, Not Ever* Report, and support the integration of these reforms with the Child and Family reforms. The group is co-chaired by Karyn Walsh and the Regional Director, Disability and Community Services for Brisbane Region.

Queensland Police Service, Chief Superintendent Shane Chelepy, also delivered a presentation on the recently established Vulnerable Persons Unit in Brisbane South and shared information about the early successes and learnings from this unit.

The DFV Sub-Committee posed a series of questions to the meeting participants to

stimulate discussion and help inform the regional strategy, including:

- How we can strengthen the interagency response for high risk offenders to enhance protection and safety for women and children at risk of serious harm, injury and murder by holding perpetrators to account and keeping women safe
- How we can build an interagency integrated response and awareness of services
- How do we build a supportive community and neighbourhood initiatives that seek to increase awareness
- How can we measure the success and progress of our work in the Brisbane Region

The ideas generated in this discussion will be progressed back to the DFV Sub-Committee, with feedback to be provided to the Brisbane Region Child and Family Committee in early 2017.

