

## Impact Inner North

### What we've been up to...

Impact Inner North has had a very active period since July. We have made progress in many ways and look forward with enthusiasm to next year.

During this period, the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) has sought to align programs funded through the Community Services Support Program (CSSP) with the work of regional Collective Impact initiatives in SA. Following a presentation to agencies providing CSSP-funded programs in the Inner North, we have had a significant growth in our leadership capacity with three additional NGO's joining our steering group.

They all bring great knowledge of and experience with the inner north and we look forward to their contribution to the initiative in the coming year. Conversations are continuing with other agencies to seek their alignment with the initiative and we look forward to continuing to strengthen those relationships.



### What we've achieved...

Throughout this period, we finalized our Population Plan and our Governance Model. A **BIG THANK YOU** to those who contributed to this work, and in particular to Megan Coupland from Wyatt for her great work in the very professional presentation of our Plan, and to Arne Breuer (DCSI) for his valuable assistance with the development of our Governance Model.

We established Working Groups for three of our result areas and each is starting to gain some momentum.

One of our result areas is '*Preparation for Parenthood*'. The Working Group for this result area is led by Sophia Harryba and is focusing on preparing for parenthood in the pre-natal phase. The group has engaged with a large number of parents of infants and young babies to find out about their experiences, their needs and what information and resources would be useful during this phase of life. The information that we have gotten to date has been very informative and will lead to a number of actions to be taken throughout 2018.

### Where we're going...

This Working Group is also focusing on playgroup attendance. We have been fortunate to have access to research undertaken by Telethon Kids Institute on the influence and impact of playgroups across Australia. With great support from Playgroups SA, we have started to map the playgroups within our region and to look at attendance rates. This work will be a very strong focus in 2018.

Our Working Group focusing on '*Children Live in Safe and Supportive Families*', which is very ably led by Leanne Evans (Family

by Family) held a very successful focus group during this period and were able to gain some very useful insights into the community and to recruit new members to this Working Group.

Shaun Harris (Blair Athol North B-Yr7 School) leads the Working Group which is focused on '*Families Live in Safe and Connected Communities*'. This group has done considerable planning for a 'playgroup in the park' activity which is to take place in January 2018.

Next year looks very exciting and we look forward to it very optimistically.

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