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To: All Queensland Government-funded Seniors Social Isolation Services

Hi Everyone

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy some well-deserved rest, relaxation, and time to recharge over the holiday season.

I hope 2026 brings safety, good health, and meaningful achievements to you, your teams, and your wider communities. However, I also recognise that many colleagues and communities in North Queensland are currently experiencing significant flooding. Our thoughts are with everyone affected, and we hope for your safety and a smooth recovery in the weeks ahead.

Considering this, I am resharing the Minutes and resources from the webinar we co-hosted with the **Bureau of Meteorology** in October 2025, with the link to the recording and passcode to access it below:

- Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/IBxr347iglv-gBJxS7kFu_7PmvAlpD3N8vWecp33gaP_ngucVLLwxSs4AZo-YU8b.VL0jegC4iEXXVSlg?from=hub
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Priorities for January 2026

Reporting month is upon us. We are reporting to the Department at the end of January and will be providing a **summary report that highlights the challenges, gaps, needs, and opportunities** experienced by Seniors Social Isolation services across Queensland. Your input would be greatly valued. The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.

TAKE THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY NOW: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPTN7ZF>

The survey was circulated in December 2025 and will be closing on Friday 16 January 2026, so I can analyse the data and write the report. Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey so far (see list below).

- Aged Care And Disability Support Service
- Barcaldine Regional Council
- Better Connect+
- Bidgerdii Community Health Services
- BlueCare Redlands Community
- Cooktown District Community Centre
- Encircle Redcliffe Older Persons Action Program
- Hervey Bay Sixty & Better Healthy Ageing Program Inc.
- Ipswich Thriving Seniors
- Noosa Seniors Connect
- Northern Peninsula Regional Council
- Port Douglas Community Service Network Inc.
- QPP

- Somerset Seniors Connect – In Good Company
- SWHHS Healthy Ageing
- The Neighbourhood Hub Mackay
- The Y Cannon Hill Community Centre
- Wynnum 60 and Better
- YMCA of Bundaberg

Online Hub for Seniors Social Isolation Services

This week I’m finalising the SSIP Online Hub and internal testing will commence w/c 12 January. The SSIP hub is for providers funded to deliver seniors social isolation services. It will provide practical resources, training, guidance and updates to help you build capability, strengthen practice, and deliver accessible, high-quality, and inclusive services. Once it’s launched, you’ll be able to access Communities of Practice, FAQs, forums, events, and evidence-based resources to collaborate, share knowledge, and improve outcomes for the people and communities you support.

The hub will be launched in February, and I’ll be scheduling a COP to take everyone through it. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving the lives of older Queenslanders. We look forward to working together in the year ahead, supporting each other and the communities we serve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on **0484 023 614 (Monday to Thursday)** if you have any questions or concerns, or would like to connect to discuss any program related issues.

Kind regards

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