

Swan Alliance Communities for Children



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Introduction

1. Acknowledgment of Country
2. Introductions

Alison Gilchrist – Acting Executive Officer

*John Aciek and Katherine Venables – Community
Development Officers*

3. Housekeeping



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Swan Region Facilitating Partner - Swan Alliance

Community Partners

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Communities for Children Facilitating Partners (CfC FPs)

- The Communities for Children Facilitating Partners (CfC FPs) is a place based model of investment supporting children and families in 52 disadvantaged communities across Australia.
- CfC FP facilitates a whole-of-community approach to support early childhood development and wellbeing with a focus on children from birth to 12 years, and may include children up to 18 years and their families.
- CfC FPs take an early intervention approach that supports families to improve the way they relate to each other; improve parenting skills; and ensure the health and wellbeing of children.
- **CfC FP activities are funded until 30 June 2026.**



Facilitating Partner

- The Facilitating Partner is the non-government organisation with whom the Australian Government enters into a grant agreement.
- The Facilitating Partner is responsible for overall facilitation and management of the Communities for Children initiative within its specified area.



CfC FP's:

Strengthen relationships, support families, improve children's wellbeing and increase the participation in community life to strengthen family and community functioning, and reduce the costs of family breakdown.

Provide a range of services, focussed on strengthening relationships and building parenting and financial management skills, providing support for better community connections as well as services to help newly arrived migrants to in their transition to life in Australia.



Who is the Facilitating Partner for the Swan LGA?



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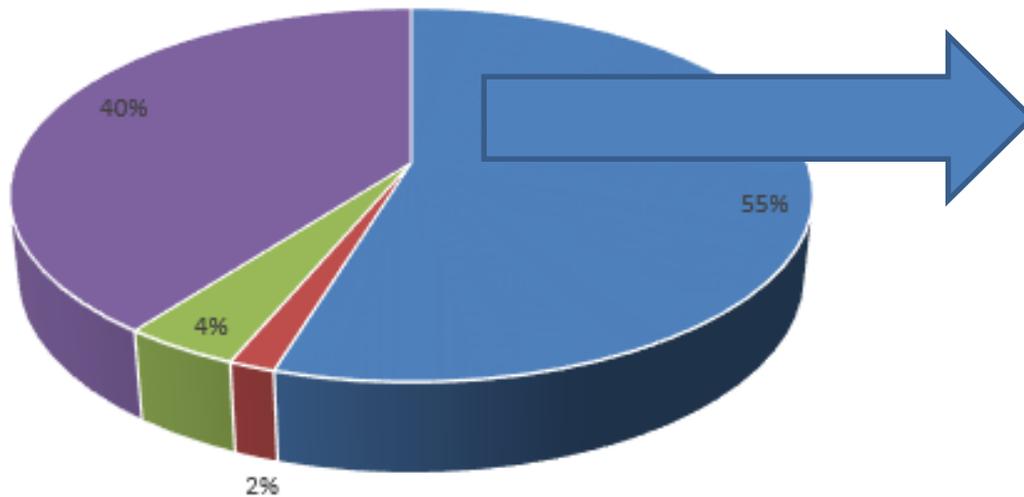
Geographical Location

The Swan Alliance is contracted to deliver:

Scope: whole of Swan LGA

Funding \$1.2 million/annum 2021-2026





- Community Partners
- Community Capacity Building Fund
- Evaluation
- Swan Alliance Facilitation & Management

This portion of the funding will be allocated as follows:

- 50% has to be Evidence Based Programs
- 10% is for innovation
- The remainder Emerging Programs seeking to be Promising Programs



What is a Community Partner?

A Community Partner is an organisation sub-contracted by the Facilitating partner to deliver direct service delivery activities that meet the outcomes identified in the Community Strategic Plan.

- It is a very strong preference that state and territory government entities are not funded by CfC FPs, particularly to fund services that are clearly a state and territory government responsibility. However, in exceptional circumstances a CfC FP may need to provide funding direct to a state and territory government entity. These situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Service delivery activities should not duplicate services that are funded by state and territory governments or local governments.
- Funding of for-profit organisations should also be discussed with DSS prior to any possible subcontracting.



Other aspects

The Community Strategic Plan is the strategic document that sets out the long-term goals for the community over the life of the grant agreement. It is developed with the Community Committee.

The **Communities for Children Committee** guides the direction of the initiative and is the key decision-making mechanism for the site.



What are our expectations of Community Partners?

- Signed formal sub-contract Agreement
- Requires grantees to develop program logics and theories of change that demonstrate how and why, based on evidence, their program activities will contribute to the intended outcomes
- Service providers are responsible for maintaining up-to-date information about their services (where relevant) on the Family Relationships Online website.
- Regular and ongoing communication
- Attendance at bi-monthly meetings
- Participation in External Evaluation
- Collection of data, research and evaluation
- Regular data input to DSS via DEX on-line portal
- Close collaboration with other Community Partners and Commonwealth agencies
- Participation in training and up-skilling as required by DSS or the Swan Alliance



What are the Objectives of Communities for Children

To improve the health and well-being of families and the development of young children, from before birth through to age 12 years, but may include children up to age 18 years, paying special attention to:

- Healthy young families — supporting parents to care for their children before and after birth and throughout the early years;
- Supporting families and parents — supporting parents to provide children with secure attachment, consistent discipline and quality environments that are stable, positive, stimulating, safe and secure;



- Early learning — providing access to high quality early learning opportunities in the years before school; providing early identification and support for children at risk of developmental and behavioural problems; assisting parents with ways to stimulate and promote child development and learning from birth; and
- School transition and engagement - supporting children and families to make a smooth transition to school, and working with local schools to assist children and families with their ongoing engagement with school.
- To create strong child-friendly communities that understand the importance of children and apply this capacity to maximise the health, well-being and early development of young children at the local level.



How can we achieve the objectives?

- **Early Intervention and Prevention:** particularly for children at risk of poor outcomes or at risk of abuse and neglect;
- **Access:** engagement with marginalised and disadvantaged clients;
- **Networking / Collaboration:** ensure effective integration of services, and referrals; helps avoid duplication
- **Evidence-based programmes:** in collaboration with the Expert Panel;
- **Sustainability:** inter-organisational collaboration, reduced reliance on Government, supplementary sources of funding;
- **Innovation:** pursue practical & theoretical ideas to enhance service delivery outcomes

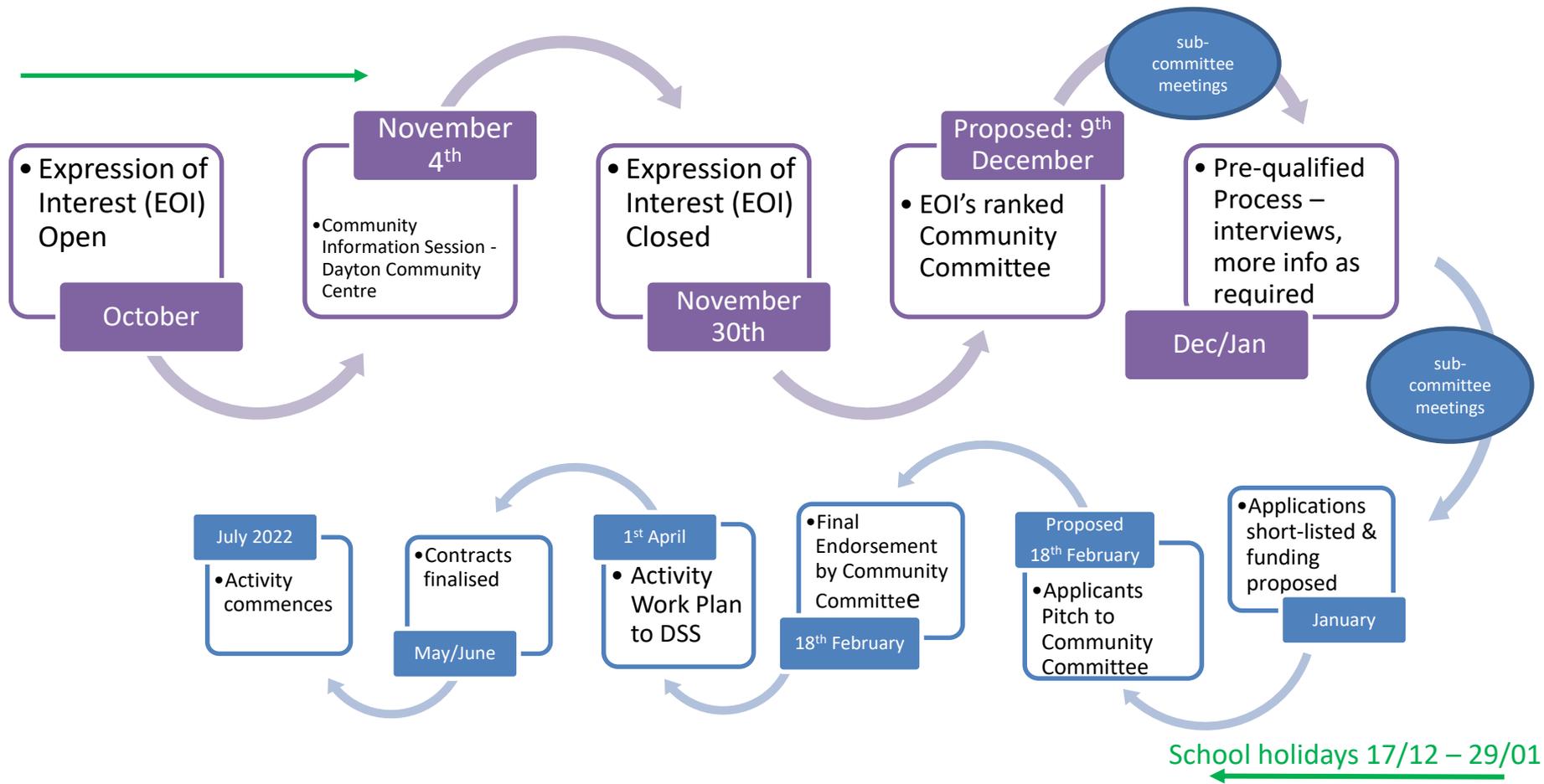


Who are we targeting?

- **Vulnerable children and families in disadvantaged communities**, with a particular focus on providing early intervention and prevention services for children at risk of poor outcomes or at risk of abuse and neglect
- The primary focus is on **children aged 0-12 years and their families**, but may include children up to age 18 years.
- The needs of **men and fathers** are to be considered, with their active involvement in providing support to children and their families encouraged, where appropriate
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.



Activity Selection Process 2022-2026



Applicants Details

- Complete information about your organisation
- Provide the best person to contact for future reference



Eligibility

Incorporated Associations

Incorporated Cooperatives

Companies

Aboriginal Corporations

Organisations established through specific piece of legislation (public benevolent institutions, churches, unions, universities)

Partnerships

Trustees on behalf of a Trust

Local Government

Other entities may be invited in special circumstances (for profit, state government, individuals)



Selection Considerations

- Early intervention and prevention
- Evidence based approaches
- Actively develop strategies to encourage access and engagement
- Ability to identify vulnerable and at risk children and families and provide or refer them to appropriate services
- Appropriately qualified staff
- Demonstrate cultural competency
- Capacity to meet contractual requirements
- Knowledge and capacity in responding to local need



DSS Objective

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- **Supporting families and parents** — support for parents to provide children with secure attachment, consistent discipline and quality environments that are stable, positive, stimulating, safe and secure;
- **Early learning** — provide access to high quality early learning opportunities in the years before school; provide early identification and support for children at risk of developmental and behavioural problems; assist parents with ways they can stimulate and promote child development and learning from birth;
- **School transition and engagement** - support children and families to make a smooth transition to school and work with local schools to assist children and families with their ongoing engagement with school.

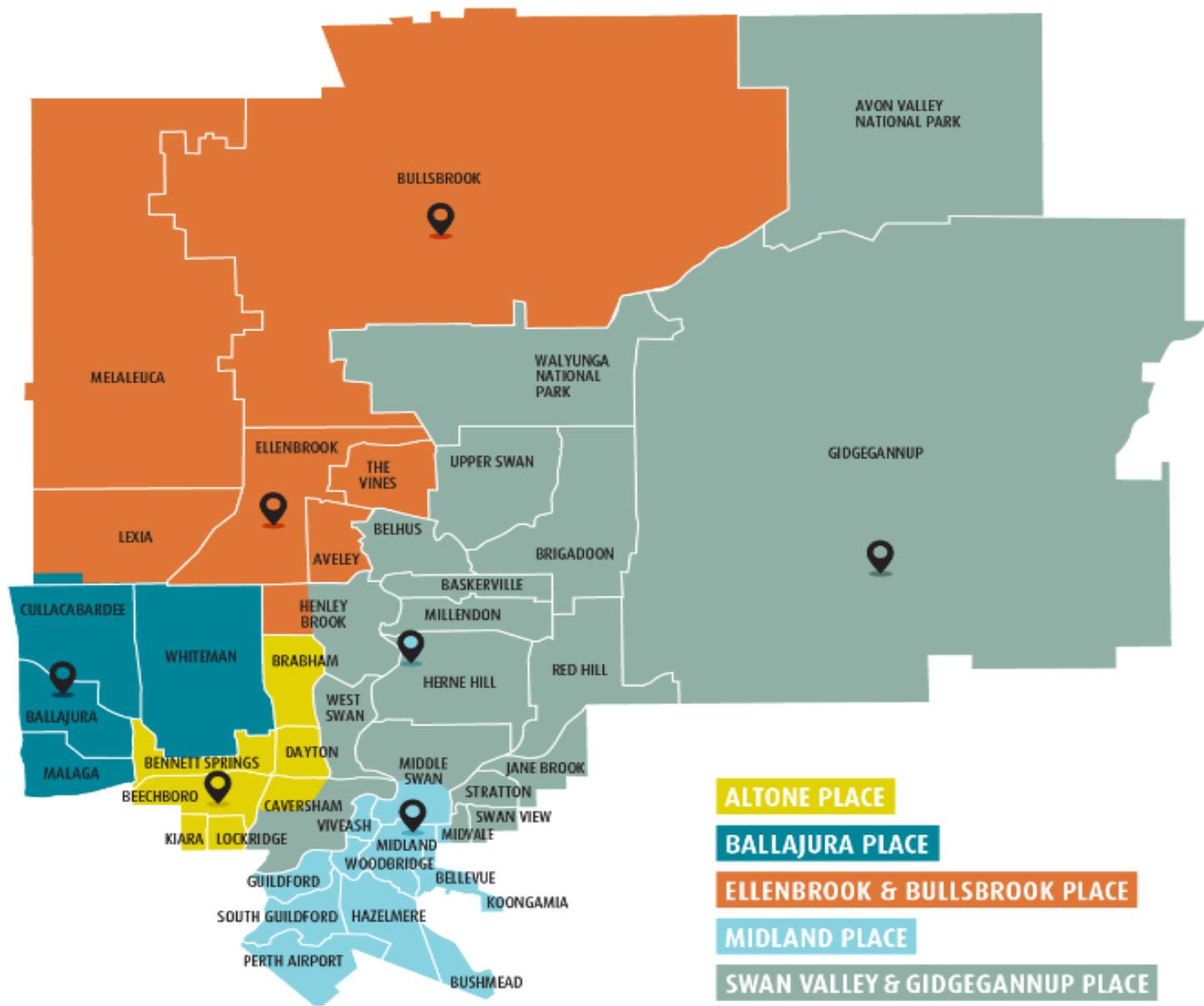


Activity Location

The activity will operate in the following LGA places:

Altone Place	Ballajura Place	Ellenbrook & Bullsbrook Place	Midland Place	Swan Valley & Gidgegannup Place
Beechboro Bennett Springs Brabham Dayton Kiara Lockridge Part of: Caversham	Ballajura Cullacabardee Malaga Whiteman Part of: Lexia	Aveley Ellenbrook The Vines Lexia Bullsbrook Melaleuca Part of: Henley Brook	Bellevue Bushmead Guildford Hazelmere Koongamia Midland South Guildford Viveash Woodbridge Perth Airport Part of: Middle Swan Midvale	Avon Valley National Park Baskerville Belhus Brigadoon Gidgegannup Herne Hill Millendon Red Hill Walyunga National Park West Swan Upper Swan Jane Brook Stratton Swan View Part of: Caversham Henley Brook Midvale Middle Swan





Additional Considerations

- **Prevention:** particularly for children at risk of poor outcomes or at risk of abuse and neglect;
- **Collaboration:** ensure effective integration of services & referrals; inter-organisational; helps avoid duplication
- **Innovation: (10%)** pursue practical & theoretical ideas to enhance service delivery outcomes;
- **Sustainability:** inter-organisational collaboration, reduced reliance on Government, supplementary sources of funding;
- **Evidence-based: (50%)** documented theoretical or research background; externally evaluated.



Universal or Targeted

It is important to remember services funded **may be universal** but should be active in developing strategies to ensure that all groups, can access those services, particularly the **CFC-FP Priority Groups**:

- Families with children at risk of abuse or neglect;
- Families experiencing disadvantage or vulnerability;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients.



Time frame for proposed Activity

In the EOI you will be asked to advise the proposed time line for your Activity - up to a maximum period of 4 years.



Funding Requested

- Partial funding or Full funding
- Funding from other sources – you need to let us know if you will be accessing any other funding for your activity
- The total amount for the Activity or Amount per annum



Grant funding may be used for:

- staff salaries and on-costs that can be directly attributed to the provision of CfC FP services in the identified service area/s as per the grant agreement
- employee training for paid and unpaid staff including Committee and Board members, that is relevant, appropriate and in line with the Families and Children Activity and CfC FP.
- operating and administration expenses directly related to the delivery of CfC FP services, such as:
 - o telephones
 - o rent and outgoings
 - o computer / IT / website / software
 - o insurance
 - o utilities
 - o postage
 - o stationery and printing
 - o accounting and auditing
 - o travel/accommodation costs
 - o materials and equipment, including assets as defined in the Standard Supplementary Provisions, that can be reasonably attributed to meeting deliverables in the grant agreement
 - o evaluation costs
 - o marketing CfC FP services.



Grant funding **CANNOT** be used for:

- purchase of land
- paying retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- major construction/capital works
- overseas travel
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.



Commonwealth Child Safe Framework

All services funded under the Communities for Children Facilitating Partner activity must ensure activities conducted comply with the **National Principles for Child Safe Organisations** and other action for the safety of children, and relevant checks and authority. Under this clause, you are required to:

- submit an annual Statement of Compliance stating you have implemented the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations;
- complete an updated risk assessment to identify the level of responsibility for children and level of risk of harm to children;
- have an updated risk management strategy; and
- provide training and a compliance regime



COVID 19

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations requirements were announced on 20 October 2021 for many occupations including childcare, family day care, schools and some community services.

All those submitting an EOI will be expected to show they are COVID compliant and have COVID safe working practices in place.



Activity Description

- Maximum 500 words
 1. Activity Description
 2. Entry and Exit strategies for families
 3. Evidence of Need for Activity



Heads up for next stage:

For those who are shortlisted the next stage will be a presentation to the Community Committee. Shaped as follows:

- Is in support of the EOI application which will have given an outline of your proposed activity
- No more than 10 minutes
- Maximum of 5 PowerPoint slides
- The goal of the presentation is to convey key information efficiently

CfC Community Committee members will then be able to ask additional clarifying questions so that they can inform their decision making process.



For further information please visit to the following websites:

Communities for Children Facilitating Partners (CfC FP) Operational Guidelines

<https://www.dss.gov.au/communities-for-children-facilitating-partners-cfc-fp-operational-guidelines>

Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS): Communities for Children requirements

<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/expert-panel-project/communities-children-requirements>

Swan Alliance page on Ngala website

<https://www.ngala.com.au/program/swan-alliance/>



If you have any further questions:

Swan Alliance staff: Alison Gilchrist, John Aciek and Katherine Venables are available to answer general questions, **however Swan Alliance staff are unable to discuss your individual application due to probity.**

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