

Community Hubs and Partnerships

Connected people, services and liveable communities across Queensland

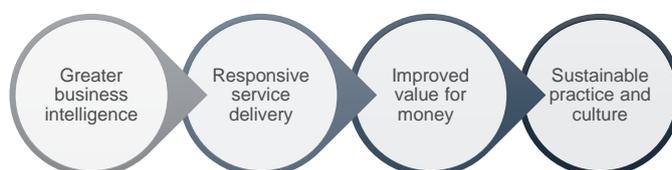
Driven by population growth and changing community profiles, demand for community, health, education services and employment opportunities requires all sectors to think differently about planning together to deliver services and infrastructure.

Community Hubs and Partnerships (CHaPs) unique approach encourages innovation in the design, location and sharing of social infrastructure that improves the accessibility of services, connects communities and maximises investment. It responds to the challenges of delivering cost-effective and responsive services and social infrastructure in line with population growth and increasingly constrained funding environments.

The CHaPs program

The CHaPs program is a dedicated multi-agency initiative focussed on unlocking social infrastructure and integrated service delivery opportunities by:

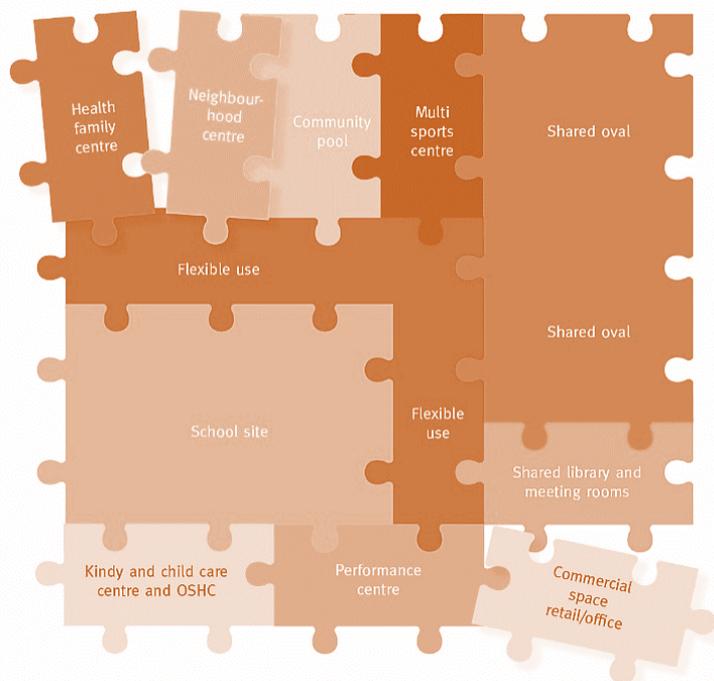
- improved sharing of and access to information for cross government
- place-based decision making
- greater accessibility to streamlined and integrated services
- maximised investment and optimised use of government resources
- embedded evidence-based collaborative approaches to social service and infrastructure planning
- CHaPs works with all levels of government, non-government organisations and industry.



What is a community hub?

A community hub is a collection of facilities clustered together on the same or adjoining sites to form a focal point for services and activities supporting:

- health and well-being
- education, learning and employment
- open space, sport and recreation
- community services
- public transport and active transport nodes
- cultural amenity and commercial offerings.



Compact, 'integrated-use' community hub

Supporting economic development

Successful community hubs are catalysts for economic development as they attract additional investment from industry that creates employment opportunities and contributes to place-making.

Since being established in November 2014, CHaPs has supported the State's economic growth by:

- facilitating complex projects that contribute to local economic growth and job creation
- maximised infrastructure development opportunities in partnership with industry throughout Queensland.
- saved tens of millions of dollars in capital investment costs.

CHaPs expertise

The Community Hubs and Partnerships team has extensive experience across a wide range of fields including stakeholder and community engagement, project and program management, strategic partnership development and planning.

Success story

Aura Community Hub

A joint commitment was facilitated by CHaPs between the Sunshine Coast Council, Department of Education and Training and Stockland for a community hub in Aura, the emerging city neighbouring Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast.

The first stage of the development opens in January 2018. When completed, the hub will provide a primary school including a multi-purpose hall, a council community centre, community accessible school music and science/technology spaces, a neighbourhood sports park including shared use field, and shared car parking.

CHaPs facilitated the co-design of the education, sporting and community facilities and secured a capital contribution from the private sector developer, Stockland, to deliver the facilities earlier for the emerging community.

To ensure all partners and the community will benefit from this hub well into the future CHaPs helped parties agree:

- scope and operational requirements of the hub
- land allocation, ensuring lot boundaries maximised the integration between the school, community and sporting facilities
- funding commitments of each partner.



Artist's impression of Aura Community Hub