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90 years of helping parents in need

The Queen Elizabeth Centre (QEC) at Noble Park today celebrates 90 years of supporting vulnerable families with specialised parenting support.

With demand for services increasing by 40 per cent in the past three years, celebrations also mark the opening of new parenting facilities.

Robyn Gillis, Chief Executive Officer, said QEC provided a growing number of families who were struggling with early parenthood with much needed advice and support in a blame free environment.

“We will help any family finding parenthood hard work. However, we are specialists at supporting and helping families in our communities who find themselves in vulnerable and difficult circumstances.

“Our new buildings will help reduce growing waiting lists, help us better engage fathers - who are a vital part of any program’s success – and enable us to offer additional professional services,” Ms Gillis said.

Ms Gillis said QEC’s challenge was to provide support which met the increasingly complex needs of its clients. These challenges include growing family isolation and instability, parental mental health issues, domestic violence and substance abuse.

“We respond to these complex needs with new approaches and programs that use evidence based practice and draw on current thinking and early childhood research,” she said.

“We use proven, safe approaches that give families access to consistent, high quality programs,” Ms Gillis said.

Ms Gillis said that QEC’s mission was to provide Victorian children with the best start in life by giving parents the skills and the confidence to enjoy parenting,” Ms Gillis said.

The Queen Elizabeth Centre provides specialised support and education to parents with children between zero and four years of age. It provides a range of day services, residential services, home-based services and parenting skills development across Victoria.

Donations are always welcome and make a big difference to the success of the organisation. Please contact Robyn Gillis on 03 9549 2777 if you would like to discuss this further.