

14.2.4 Community Engagement on the Communications and Engagement Framework	
Report Type	Decision
City Plan Theme	Community Placemaking Leadership
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Report Summary	<p>At its meeting 10 May 2022, Council endorsed the Draft Communications and Engagement Framework for community engagement.</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to outline the stakeholder engagement process undertaken, to provide a summary of the feedback received and seek Council's endorsement of the Final Framework.</p>
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft CEF feedback Framework Report [14.2.4.1 - 9 pages] 2. Draft Communications and Engagement Framework 2022 - 2025 [14.2.4.2 - 16 pages]

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves that:

1. The report of the Director Corporate Services titled "Community Engagement on the Communications and Engagement Framework" be received and noted. It is noted that the feedback provided through community engagement was positive and in support of the guiding principles and the PAE Communications and Engagement Framework.
 2. The 'PAE Communications and Engagement Framework 2022 - 2025' provided as Attachment 2 to this report is adopted.
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Background

The 2021-22 Annual Business Plan lists the development of a Communications and Engagement Framework for the City of Port Adelaide Enfield (PAE) as a priority. The framework sought to strategically guide the development and implementation of how we communicate and engage with our community.

In June and July 2021 community engagement was undertaken to understand our community's communications and engagement experience, levels of trust and preferences for engagement into the future. This engagement informed the draft framework and the development of our guiding principles of *Transparency*, *Connection* and *Accessibility and Inclusivity*.

A draft Communications and Engagement framework *Participate PAE – Connecting and involving you*, was presented to Council at the May 2022 Council meeting and endorsed for public review and engagement.

Communications and Engagement approach

Engagement focused on reconnecting with participants from the first round of engagement, as well as a variety of face-to-face and online opportunities.

Activities undertaken included:

- Reconnecting with groups from first round of engagement
- Email updates to registered Have Your Say (HYS) PAE members
- Visits to Community Centres and Libraries across PAE
- Largs train station early weekday pop-up
- Port Adelaide Plaza pop-up
- Reconciliation in the West pop-up
- Meeting with Lefevre High School student parliament group
- Primary school students visit
- Faille Reserve tree planting day

Additional engagement activities were designed to go to community where they are already active and overlap with other significant Council engagement activities such as the:

- Semaphore Foreshore Masterplan
- Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Conversations at these activities primarily served to raise awareness of the framework, explain the purpose of the framework and the guiding principles.

The Community Engagement team had a productive meeting with students from the Lefevre High School student parliament group who were supportive of the draft guiding principles.

The 'kid's idea pitch' was piloted with students from Alberton Primary school where 9 ideas were workshopped and voted on by students role-playing engagement with each other and taking on the role of an elected member.

In addition to the face-to-face engagement, the following was undertaken through social media and HYS PAE:

- HYS PAE –
 - o 4,300 email notifications
 - o 633 visits
- Social Media: Facebook
 - o Videos + 7000 views
 - o Dedicated posts + 6000 views, 117 reactions (likes) and 34 click throughs to HYS

Summary of Community Feedback

Community and stakeholders were provided with background information and the ability to download and review the full draft framework.

In addition, the Have Your Say PAE survey was designed to inform participants with summaries of each guiding principle, what we will deliver and what they will see more of, provided at each step.

Participants were asked for an indication of support including 'I like it', 'it is ok/acceptable', 'I don't like it' and 'unsure' and an opportunity to explain their answers with a comment. A total of 46 survey responses, 3 questions via the Have Your Say PAE 'send us a message' function and one email submission were received. The full engagement report is provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

Survey responses were very positive with each guiding principle rated more than 60% as 'I like it' and greater than 84% when combined with 'it is ok/acceptable'.

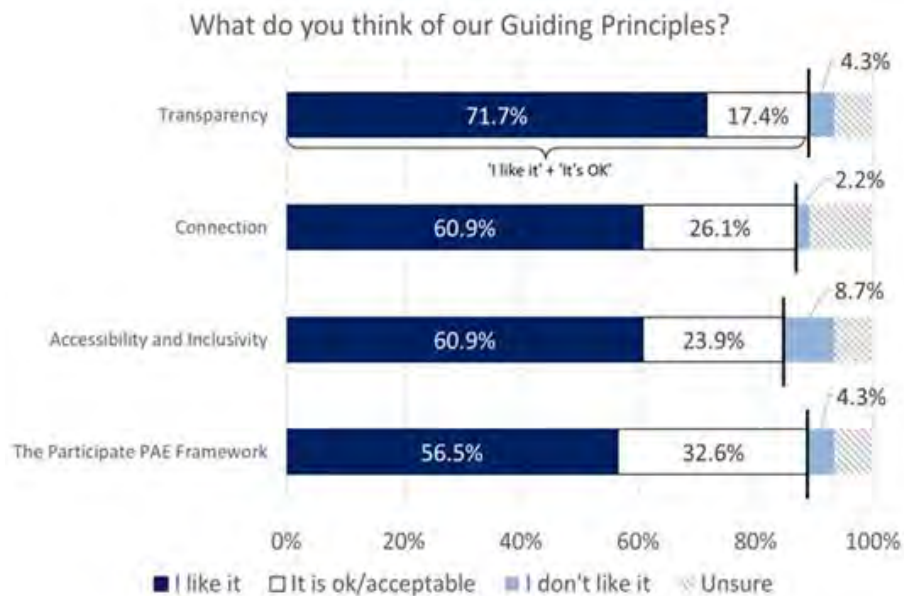


Chart: Participate PAE community engagement results, guiding principles as a whole rating

Guiding Principle – Transparency

This principle received the highest 'I like it' rating with 71.7% and 17.4% indicating 'it is ok/acceptable.'

There was strong support for:

- o proactive, clear, and timely communications and engagement using a variety of approaches and media
- o a clearly defined engagement purpose, communicating what community are able to influence
- o closing-the-loop by providing engagement summaries and informing community of the outcome of engagements.
- o new, local, and participatory engagement approaches including more face-to-face engagement activities

Through the engagement clarity was sought on how effectiveness will be measured and when engagement should be undertaken. The draft framework addresses this through 'our approach' by applying the IAP2 spectrum of engagement to how we consult with our community. Specifics on implementation, monitoring and evaluation will be an important focus of the framework action plan.

Guiding Principle – Connection

There is strong support for this guiding principle with 61% 'I like it' and 26% indicating it is 'ok/acceptable'.

Summary of feedback:

- o people are seeking a balance of on online, traditional communication and face to face engagement
- o there is a desire to ensure that people who are not online are connected with, and included
- o an emphasis on supporting local and face to face engagement activities and engagement that is easy to participate in without a significant time commitment, e.g., shorter, focused 'pulse' surveys on Have Your Say PAE.

In the final framework (attachment 2 to this report) the Connection guiding principle has been amended to include an emphasis on continuing to implement a variety of communication approaches across print, digital and face to face to ensure connection with our diverse communities.

Guiding Principle - Accessibility and Inclusivity

There is strong support for this guiding principle with 60.9% selecting 'I like it' and 23.9% 'it is ok/acceptable'.

Comments indicate a desire to include as many people as possible across community areas including (but not limited to) age, ability, culture, gender and location in our communications and engagements.

This guiding principle is based upon the goal that all members of our community should be able to participate in and contribute to the City of PAE's communications and engagement activities. Some in our community will need greater support and consideration to realise this ambition. This is broadly supported in the feedback received.

A group of responses indicated a desire to see more emphasis and specific actions for communicating and engaging with people with a disability. There are suggestions for information to be presented in Auslan and to share more information and stories about accessibility, access, and inclusion.

There is a perception that the western/Port Adelaide area receives more attention in communications activities.

The finalised framework Accessibility and Inclusivity guiding principle has been amended to provide clarity that we are seeking to engage with all parts of our diverse communities through:

- Identifying and reducing barriers to participation for our diverse communities
- Creating connections and supporting participation across the many and diverse groups within our community

Participate PAE Framework

Overall, there was a very strong positive response in support of the framework with 57% selecting 'I like it' and 33% finding it 'ok/acceptable' a total of 90%.

Comments indicate strong support for the guiding principles and ambitions of the framework, for greater inclusiveness and the demystifying of Council process.

A small number of respondents expressed disapproval based on a negative experience of communications or engagement, perception/view of Council, priorities, and resourcing to implement.

Consistent with the approaches in the Participate framework, stakeholders will be provided an engagement summary to close-the-loop. This summary will be published on the HYS PAE platform.

The above changes in response to the feedback received have been incorporated in to the final framework being presented to Council for endorsement (See attachment 2).

City Plan Relationship

The Communications and Engagement framework will contribute to the City Plan themes of Placemaking, Community and Leadership through:

- fostering strong and diverse community participation and pride
- developing effective ways to engage people in planning for services, programs, events, and activities that meet their needs
- strengthening our work at the neighbourhood level, focusing on place-based initiatives and activities that build connection, cohesion, participation, and inclusion
- proactively engaging with our community to build relationships and connections using a variety of channels
- ensuring clear, consistent, and comprehensive communication with our community and throughout the organisation.

Legislative Context

The Local Government Act requires Council to have an adopted community consultation policy and to undertake Community Engagement on specified activities. Council may undertake engagement beyond these activities if it chooses to do so.

The framework does not replace the Public Consultation Policy but will assist Council both to meet and go beyond its legislative requirements regarding consultation to meet community expectations and involve the community in decisions that matter to them.

Recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the City of PAE will be required to develop and undertake engagement on a new Community Engagement Policy following the implementation of a new Community Charter at the State Government level.

Financial Management

Funding for the consultation for this project was allocated in the 2021–22 budget. PAE staff costs required to develop the framework are covered within existing operational budgets.

Environmental and Social Impacts

Undertaking a dialogue and engaging with the community has several benefits:

- It strengthens our understanding of community, along with our community's views and expectations.
- It encourages connection with the City of PAE.
- It helps Council make better-informed decisions.
- It allows the community to meaningfully participate in issues and decisions that affect them

Attachment 1
Draft CEF feedback framework report

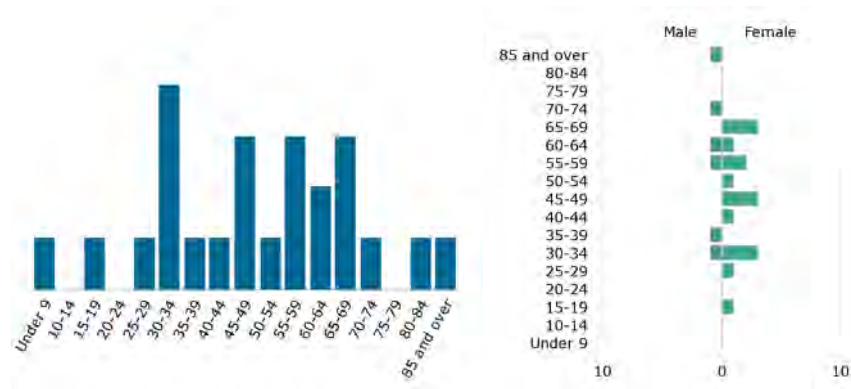
Participant Demographics

Participant data is derived from Have Your Say registered members who had responded to demographic questions, this represents, 25 of the 46 survey respondents.

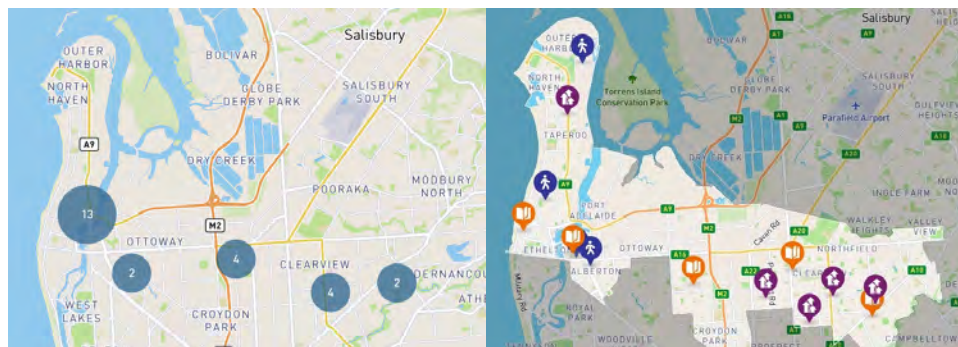
A total of 9 respondents (20%) had also responded to the earlier engagement for this project in 2021.

Overall, 17 of respondents (76%) responded as female and 9 male. Responses were received across most age groups.

In addition to the Have Your Say PAE demographic data the Community Engagement Team engaged with 36-year 6 age students and 10 senior high school students.



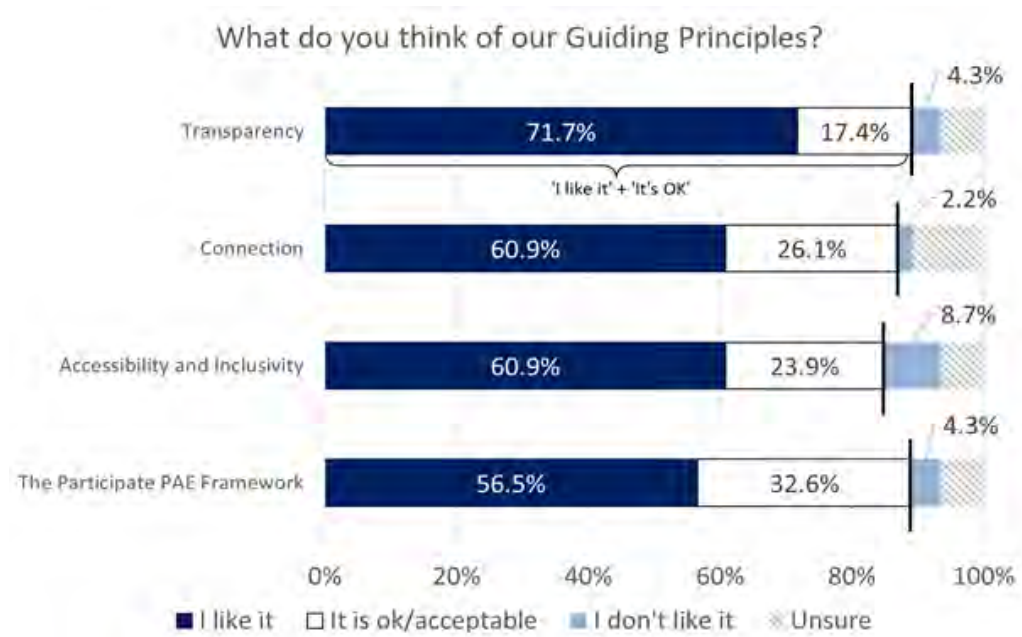
Responses were received across PAE with a slightly greater concentration on the western side of the local government area, shown on map below. The second map shows the distribution of public engagement activities.



Formal feedback received:

- 46 survey responses
- 3 questions via the Have Your Say PAE 'send us a message' function
- one email submission

Survey responses were very positive with each guiding principle rated more than 60% as 'I like it'. When combined with the 'it is ok/acceptable' and more than 84% when combined with 'it is ok/acceptable'.



	I like it	It is ok or acceptable	I don't like it	Unsure	Total I like it + it is OK
Transparency	33	8	2	3	89.1%
Connection	28	12	1	5	87.0%
Accessibility and Inclusivity	28	11	4	3	84.8%
The Participate PAE Framework	26	15	2	3	89.1%

Guiding Principle Transparency

- All good so far
- As an individual - and a pretty old one at that - my views are probably not much use to you; but I'll give you them for what they are worth. I strongly suspect that there are a small number of arrogant and didactic people who will succeed in misinterpreting elements of the feedback, or simply declaring them either invalid or actually in support of their own - totally different - aims and interests. These people exist in every community and infect every organisation. If, as I fear, you are unable to control them, this entire exercise is a waste of time. So, I think your principle is excellent, but the outcome will NOT reflect the wishes of the majority of the community, only those of a small and rather unpleasant group. I wish you luck."
- As long as you "deliver" on all of this. Not just nice statements.
- Ensuring information is delivered to the public clearly, proactively, and in a range of diverse ways shows dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm. Providing information in a range of diverse and unique ways caters for all ages, from adolescents to elderly. Something to add would be ensuring information is provided in an increased variety of different forms, letters, emails, and even in the local newspaper!
- Have Your Say PAE is an outstanding tool for community engagement
- having something documented is a start, now it has to be implemented
- Having these online surveys and emails means I'm kept informed and get to have a say without having to go anywhere or search for it specifically.
- How about returning to rates, rubbish collection and basic local council items and addressing huge indigenous issue that is threatening our community safety when going to the shops and park areas. Too dangerous to now go to the park!
- I appreciated the email I received from a staff member in regard to a suggestion I made in a survey. I felt my idea was acknowledged even though it wasn't acted upon, for reasons kindly set out in the email.
- I feel that we need a Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- I like community engagement
- I like that we will see more and varied opportunities to engage with Council.
- I think a lot of it is a waste of money.
- I think what the council is doing is so uplifting. My area has improved immensely since I bought there and I would like to see it improve, but we need to move undesirables away
- I would feel like a valued financial contributor. I would like to see where my money goes and would like evidence of some of it going to Blair Athol and Kilburn
- It is important that information and engagement is provided in a timely manner, is accessible to everyone in multiple platforms and is available at all times (not just for short periods)
- It is ok when it is actually put into practice. Not all projects have followed the correct procedure and has ended up with some very unhappy residents and loss in trust with the council. This wastes, time and money and makes the council look like it's hiding something and is untrustworthy.
- It's great you've asked, but have you really listened, or gone for something more aesthetically pleasing. rather than what the majority want?
- Looks good well done
- More info on proposed Oakden development would be nice, we haven't really heard from the council.
- Not clear how you will ensure its genuine engagement
- Could there be a requirement that engagement is to be actually considered when making decisions.
- pop up engagements are a great innovation - but need to ensure sufficient notice is available via social media, website and those on the mail list.
- The part I particularly like is knowing the outcome!
- There is an overwhelming amount of business Council is involved in across a diverse range of topics, so clarity around key priorities and purpose of communications is really important.
- This is a strong start and transparency is an excellent value to hold at the centre of communication.
- This is great. Community panels are super important to get input from the wider community.
- Transparency - should be a given in any level of government. Most ratepayers like to know what's going on in their community.
- Active involvement and opportunities to have input are also necessary for consultative and consensual decision-making.
- Transparency means no opportunity for misinformation of being misled
- Weak. Lose the corporate speak and use common language.

Guiding Principle Connection

- Again, I think a lot of it is a waste of money. I want to know of any plans for the suburb and major projects on the LeFevre Peninsula.
- Bold communications? Reflecting who we are?
- By reading this today, it has made me aware of the parking/road situation in Greenacres with the development of single old homes into 2 or 3 three homes, it makes sense.
- Connecting people having story's alone the beach in signs etc.
- Connection is a key part of engaging a community. Developing relationships, connections, and bonds increases trust, reliability, and confidence of those in the community. Something to add would be creating links with local businesses, get them onboard, convince them to begin advocating for PAE. Providing local businesses with local updates, infrastructural developments, and activity that is happening in the area will be beneficial to the community! This will increase community engagement as well as encourage the community to support local businesses!
- don't waste too much money
- How do people without access to technology catered for? Not everyone has IT skills or the money to buy hardware. Not everyone accesses local libraries either.
- I don't particularly care about branding, but the online community seems great.
- I only hope that the principles are done and not watered down
- "I particularly like the videos and social media stories as I can watch them online and return to them if need be. I read the PAE newsletter once then put it in the recycling.
- I would like to know what I should do if I have an idea particularly community development ideas...I don't know who to contact ...do I just send an email to Council, or is it better to connect with my local Councillor. Not sure of the process. How often are focus groups or community engagement opportunities scheduled is it as need arises or are there set times e.g. three times a year. I am happy to do online engagement surveys but feel the community would benefit more if we got together physically for think tank/sharing opportunities."
- I think more information of the ethnic cross section of our community not just aboriginal
- I wish there was more of meeting people where they're at online: Next-door, Instagram, TikTok, etc. as well as Facebook
- I would LOVE an online newsletter. I don't have time or even remember to check PAE website everyday "just in case" there's something of interest/ relevance to me
- "I'm glad you asked.
More memes. More memes. More memes.
- Looking forward to the improvements
- Looks like you have to be communicating online all the time. No opportunity for person to person
- Love the social media stories
- More pulse connections would be better, rather than large documents to read and review. Quick polls or short surveys would be easier to complete than longer engagements that need a fair commitment of time.
- Not visible enough on social media.
- Online communication is my preferred first place to seek connection and information. Growing an online community will give us immediacy and accessibility.
- online information and communications are more readily available than other forms
- Residents want to feel part of their community and have opportunities to connect. Good communications are a key to achieving that.
- Same as before - great, if only...
- "The focus on storytelling from locals is vital and great to see it included as a focus.
- Videos and stories are a great way of de-mystifying process and important."
- "This is great, but I think it would be better to be a little bit more specific about how PAE will connect with people.
- What are the tools. 2. What will change on the website. 3. What will such consistent communications look like. On top of this it would be great to put tools in to measure change."
- Videos and changes are a good thing.
- Why so focussed on non-face to face communication? This is an arm's length form of communication and limits actual connection. Consider more opportunities for actual connection between council officers and residents and businesses.

Guiding Principle Accessibility and Inclusivity

- "It would be great to have PAE website and above information presented in Auslan.
- Use other pictures such as current accessibility pictures around PAE - accessible beaches, other pictures that relate to accessibility / inclusion"
- Accessibility and inclusivity are super important! Ensuring that everyone is given the opportunity to easily access PAE platforms, online and in-person, provided with equal opportunities, and is given a voice to speak about issues important to them is significant. Regardless of disability, sexuality, religion, ethnicity, culture, physical/mental impairment, everyone should be provided with the opportunity to easily access and be involved in our local community, PAE. I really like the concept of this guiding principle, any in my opinion, I think it is most valuable.
- All good so far
- Appears ok
- Everyone in a community needs to be able to be involved if they want to be.
- grassroot engagement
- Great!
- I don't really fall into a minority group and I don't have children so can't comment. It's possibly missing consideration for those without kids and only pets.
- I feel that we need a Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee
- I love that you want to be inclusive. I hope it actually happens. At the moment I feel like the council are fobbing off some residents and dismissing our concerns. This is happening right in front of my home. I bet it is happening on other projects too. I don't feel very included, especially when there is no consultation and very little notice given before a project starts that impacts people homes permanently.
- "I think it makes sense but mustn't EXCLUDE some people. For example, I am of European immigrant parents from the 50s - one of the nationalities that truly shaped SA's current culture- I am a home owner, I am straight, I am employed - I also feel invisible when inclusivity is talked about. Ironic. Myself and my family want to be part of the community but do not feel connected. We attend school and work during the day so miss out on a lot of community activities and workshops that are held 9-5 mon-fri.
- Accessibility should offer varied time frames.
- Inclusivity should include all, not just 'minorities'"
- If you can avoid being beaten down by the loud-mouthed and grasping it sounds great - but I wouldn't put money on your chances.
- "Inclusivity is important. Are translators available to help citizens who don't have English as their first language?"
- Good to read about Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Is truth-telling and addressing racism part of this guiding principle?"
- It would be good to know if there are any specific strategies aimed at including people who live with disability, and how these communities will be brought into the process.
- keep cost down
- Keeping the older people engaged and informed. Listening to, Understanding and meeting the needs of active independent older people.
- Lightsview is a culturally diverse area, some sharing of knowledge, particularly of the Indian community could be helpful?
- Loss of accessibility is a real issue for some in our community. I really like Council's commitment to using different approaches to engagement with people in our community.
- Pop up engagements where people already are (festivals, events, open days etc) can raise awareness of Council involvement and give people an opportunity to connect without making a special trip.
- Seems quite informative and transparent
- "This all sounds great, but it would be great for PAE to have Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Currently PAE has a list of names it contacts for input if and when it wants it. I'd like to suggest further steps taken to get a diverse range of inputs from a diverse range of abilities across the city.
- I like the what you'll see and what we're doing section but again, it would be great if PAE can be a bit more specific. For example, how will PAE increase engagement in more languages and focus on all ages and abilities?
- Will there be tools to measure progress on each of the proposed actions?

- This is really good. In practice it would be also good to consider how women specifically might best engage i.e. particularly if they might be limited due to children (though including the children as you have indicated may assist this). Just raising the point about considering a gender and diversity and inclusion lens.
- Very diverse community so lots of challenges. Good ideas in these guiding principles
- we always see Port Adelaide information but not Enfield, is feels all one way
- We are all Australians - I don't agree with separate centres for Aboriginal custodians. It creates more divides.
- "Well if you're going to offer surveys don't make peeps sign up on forms that don't work on mobile.
- Clarity is key."
- What Council is doing is driving some sections of the community apart. Whether we are white, black or any other colour or race we should all be treated exactly the same.

Participate PAE Framework

- "Again, it's a difficult job to please everyone- but take some risks! It's like what everyone is doing- stand out and do something spectacular!
Water play is great for little kids- disappointed there isn't something for all kids- like a waterslide/ water play area type place like in Moonta (but better and different) would benefit everyone, not just toddlers and really put Semaphore on the map!"
- All good so far
- "as an overarching framework - it's good and reads well.
- it would be great for a resource pack or practice guide to 'fall out' of the framework to assist with engagements.
i.e. the PAE approach to a simple engagement with a few residents on a street to small scale with an entire street - grading up to larger study catchments / suburb wide engagements.
- And how to tackle the 'inform' only engagements."
- As I have already said - great, in theory.
- Council should stick to planning and building regulations, building roads, pumping stations and drainage to stop flooding, footpaths, regular street sweeping and keeping the area safe and attractive.
- Doing a great job
- Great start, but we need to ensure that communication and engagement is provided in a timely manner, is accessible to everyone in multiple platforms and is available at all times (not just for short periods)
- I feel that it is a well written document, covering broad mission, aims and values although I would like to see more concrete strategies/objectives/timelines but perhaps that goes in another document.
- I feel that we need a Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee as the city grows
- I really like it, will be fantastic to see it happen. Thank you for trying. I truly hope Blair Athol and Kilburn aren't ignored as port Adelaide, the parks, Lightview and the other heroes take the limelight. Blair Athol really feels neglected, rubbish everywhere - I've never seen anything as derelict as the prospect rd. iga it's a total disgrace. I want to be PROUD of the suburb I have committed to not embarrassed. Thank you
- I really like the DRAFT Communications and Engagement Framework! I think it has a deep meaning and valuable purpose in the PAE community. The Framework is thoroughly laid out, providing the community with a key guide of principles, purpose, community engagement intentions, and steps of measure. Something to add would be an additional page that overall summarises PAE Enfield and what it, as a collective council, stands for.
- I think it's great!
- I think I've provided answers in my previous comments.
- I think the framework is a good start, however it doesn't say anything on how the elements will be tracked and measured. Putting extra steps in that will make sure what is written is achieved would be great. I think the framework should also be a bit more specific on what the actions will be.
- It all sounds good. Difficult to see the practicalities of it
- It is giving people the opportunity to have their say and feel valued, in an easy to navigate platform.
- it needs to be actioned now

- It needs to be implemented and not just a lovely idea that doesn't get followed through on. Make good to your word. Have the integrity and honesty that we want our council to have. You are there to improve the area and makes things better for the community, not just take the easy road out.
- It's a start. In the past communication with the Council fell on deaf ears especially since its amalgamation with the Port. Prior to that, the Enfield Council was more proactive. It appears that the old Enfield section has become the 'second cousin' to the Port area. However, based on this new proposed framework, that will change. I am hoping it will.
- It's great to see this work going on in the community, and the goal of demystifying process and decision-making, greater transparency and connection are wonderful to see.
- monitor cost
- More elderly people activities are needed like a Men's Shed in the Port Adelaide area
- Nice work! I think Council is already good at engaging with people in our community, but this framework will step things up.
- Overall a good structure
- Overall, it seems good, its things PAE should already be doing so not much to comment on.
- Really like it. It is clear in its communication and not 'fluffy' nor pompous. It is easy and engaging to read.
- Having a dedicated Accessibility and Inclusion Advisor/Committee would be an asset for the PAE council
- Overall, it is okay - could be better"
- Seriously...memes rule the world.
- "Think that there's still the need to find ways for more opportunities to exchange ideas and have meaningful engagement.
- Way too many consultants brought in who have absolutely no idea about the community and they seem to have more influence over council decisions and council officers, than community members do. This also means there is less interaction on important decisions between council officers and community members."
- Well-structured framework. Great work PAE.
- What is the budget and how long to complete the project?
- Email response - for me, friction points on this process
 1. having to download and read your "community engagement framework" document which is in a font size that even on my gigantic computer screen is difficult to read with crowded pages, contains vague goals and no measures or bench marks to improve on.
 2. having to register to participate in the your say process.I currently have about 6 different council your say registrations. Do you think you could get together with all the other councils and State Government and allow me to have just one registration? I've got one for Mitcham, Burnside, Adelaide, Charles Sturt, Holdfast Bay, Marion, PAE, NPSP, Gawler, Onkaparinga, Yankalilla... and while I don't live in all those places - I have friends who live there and I visit there and I am interested in what is going on there. While I understand the need to make sure the system is not gamed by people answering a survey multiple times - registration - slows this down but does not prevent it.

The happy speak in the engagement document - does not reflect my personal experience nor those of the residents of Alberton I was talking to on behalf of Community Alliance of South Australia (planning lobby group of resident's associations and others).

Alberton Oval used to have a nice open space with grass and trees - next to it for people to walk and catch up with each other and this precious living green space has been given over to a Basketball Stadium which while they say it is for community use - it's no longer free or green. In these times of heat islands, warming climate, and increasing population densities - free open green space for the real locals - the ones who can walk to a place (or get there without burning fossil fuels) - are increasingly important. And PAE caved to the Port Adelaide AFL club and gave them everything they wanted with no respect for the locals.

And I don't remember getting informed by follow up emails after the CAP meeting or Council meetings, I had to go find out what happened for myself.

There were a lot of other open undeveloped spaces that were not surrounded by homes that would have been more suitable for the football club's basketball stadium.

Student Idea Pitch! – Alberton primary School 27/06/2022

We asked students from Alberton Primary School to imagine they had been elected as new Elected Members for the City of PAE and come up with some ideas to make PAE a better place. There were 36 students in years 4 and 5. The group was divided into three sessions of 12 students each. They worked in groups and we asked them to think about:

- Making a place better
- Fixing a local problem
- Improving our environment
- Creating a new event
- An art project
- Involving more people (like you!)

The students were introduced to the Council chambers, given a quick overview of the work Council does and set a task, to role play what it is like to be an Elected Member. The process undertaken was:

- Each session group, the Council, was divided into smaller groups or wards
- In their wards they identified a big idea and added some persuasive reasons to support them
- Ward members then moved to the next group's idea while a representative stayed to brief the newcomers
- This was repeated one more time so all students were exposed to all of the ideas and had a chance to contribute.
- A member from each ward shared their idea and the Council voted by a show of hands to select their top idea.

Big ideas by each Council (winning idea highlighted):

First Council		
Ward 1 (2 votes)	Ward 2 (4 votes)	Ward 3 (3 votes)
Dog Poop: more poop bags, pooper scoopers, bins for poop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More reminder • Compostable bags • More locations • Larger fine • PEOPLE HAVE TO PICK UP POOP!!! • More dog parks, walking distance • So people don't step in it • Pulley thing attached to pooper scooper and bin 	Lighthouse Mosaic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To represent the history of the port • To show how much it means to Adelaide • Community art project • To get the community to work together • Near fisherman wharf market, so they can look at the lighthouse • To inspire the community to work together • Something Adelaide can be remembered for • An artist to lead the community 	More Places to Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More green spaces • Play footy/soccer/fundraisers • Plant grass on the side of the road/ native trees • Enclose streets/ for party/ community games – to connect with others out of your zone
Second Council		
Ward 1 (5 votes)	Ward 2 (4 votes)	Ward 3 (1 vote)
Environment Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball court • More flowers • Clean the air • Less cars • More trees • More native plants • A small creek • Small fishes • A duck pond • A dog park • Old historical statues • Historical info • Lower rent • Lower house prices 	Sea Creatures / Ocean Life Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kites of animals (like in kite festival) • Microscopes / science station • Creatures to look at sea horses / starfish / fish • Info station with stands interactive • 'Yellow Brick Rd' concept • Aquarium area • QR code scanning on phone interactive games 	Native Plants – Community Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trees and native plants – community garden • Recycling Bin system • Kids market – free • Fundraisers • Bigger play grounds • Different animal cafes

Third Council		
Ward 1 (3 votes)	Ward 2 (6 votes)	Ward 3 (2 votes)
Cat Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tall fences • Socialize • Won't get lost in a cat park • Humans can go anywhere, dogs have dog parks, cats should have somewhere to • Safer for them and other animals • Open space • Open to the world • Can't hurt other animals • They should have somewhere to come free • Be outside and not on a lead • What if they escape? Double doors – go in shut door behind them then open the next door. 	A place to express your artistic ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing your talent open studio • Outdoor space attached to studio • A place to remove some stress • More space • Kids can learn • Inspirational space • Makes me happy and calm • Going to the studio to let other people see your idea 	Firework Festival <p>Why we should do it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment for all ages • New experience for people • If sensitive ear, given earmuffs or stand further back <p>What it is about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firework go on the beat of music • Goes once a year • Visual and sound show • Barrier for safety • People choose songs