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| What were we engaging on? | In response to the South Australia Public Health Act 2011 Council is required to commence a review of its Public Health Plan every five years. The review was initiated in 2018 but final preparation of the draft was delayed until there was greater certainty about the short and longer term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the community. Following the review of Council’s *Public Health and Community Wellbeing Plan 2015-2020* and additional research a revised Public Health and Community Wellbeing Framework 2021-2026 was prepared. |
| What did we do? | The focus of the Stakeholder Engagement was on the new strategies as the other strategies had already been subject to engagement and endorsement by Council on previous occasions. The new strategies included facilitating pest control to reduce vector-borne disease and manage European wasps and bees, delivery of programs and activities toimprove social connection, providing opportunities for youth leadership, examining Council’s role in contributing to reducing poverty and homelessness, improving community safety, ongoing involvement in Welcoming Cities and investigating the feasibility of an Aboriginal Cultural Centre.The Framework was placed on Council’s *Have Your Say* platform and the community was informed that it was available for comment via Facebook. Copies of the Framework were also circulated to other relevant stakeholders, including the Local Health Networks, as required under Legislation. |
| What did we hear? | Future Directions – Concern was raised that the Framework does not address drugs, alcohol and gambling. There was also discussion about the need to place an emphasis on restoration and improvement of wetland, rather than activation, more opportunities for physical activity for adults, development of a strategic plan for the Port River Dolphins and revitalisation of the Port Adelaide Precinct.**General health and wellbeing** – Comments included adaptation and mitigation of climate change, prevention of environmental hazard due to stormwater runoff, fostering of active transport, gambling free participation in sport and recreation, and a call for a zero tolerance approach by Council to feral European honey-bees.**Social Environments** – The issues of drugs, alcohol and gambling were again raised. It was suggested that the action relating to young people refers to young people with disability or diversity of young people. There was support for programs that support wellbeing and community connection, in particular on-going programs, and fitness programs for seniors.**Built Environments** – The directions were supported with comment that some older parks should be updated and that the heritage of Port Adelaide and Semaphore be preserved. Climate change adaption and active transport were also discussed.**Economic Environments** – The directions were supported, with particular comment around supporting the multicultural businesses in the Council area. The economic impact of alcohol and drug use was also raised.**Natural Environments** – The directions were supported with discussion in relation to an emphasis on increased tree planting and use of native species, coastal management and on cleaning up the Port River.Feedback was also received from the City of Charles Sturt indicating that they had no comment on the Framework. |
| What are the next steps? | Based on the feedback received the following changes have been implementedUnder Key Outcome - General Health and Wellbeing: Addition of the following Strategy in relation to drugs, alcohol and problem gambling - *Provide advocacy, support, and referral to appropriate specialist organisations, for people dealing with the impact of drugs, alcohol or problem gambling.*Under Key Outcome - Natural Environments: Change wording under Strategy/Action 5 to read “Support the restoration and improvement” rather than “Support the activation and restoration” of the city’s rivers (Port and Torrens), wetlands and coastal environments as important features of the city’s open space network.Under Key Outcome - Social Environments Strategy/Action 19: *Provide opportunities for young people to develop and practice leadership skills and participate in the Civic life of PAE,* include the word “a diverse range” before youngpeople in include all young people including young people with disability.The final plan can be found at <https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/411654/Public-Health-and-Community-Wellbeing-Plan.pdf.pdf> |