Section 1: PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTHERN & HILLS REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020

Notes

- The regional plan involves the following Councils - Adelaide Hills Council, District Council of Mount Barker, Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor, District Council of Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island Council.
- The report includes achievements and activities of individual councils that have contributed to achieving the objectives of the regional plan and include significant activities, special projects and ongoing activities. It is not intended that every activity of every council is included.

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THEME 1: HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS		
Built Environments 1.1 Aim for built environments that support communities to be active and socially connected (including all generations and levels of ability) and contribute to the health and well-being of communities. This will require a focus on creating liveable and 'walkable' towns and places with appealing and good quality public realm and open spaces.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbour-hoods for all Generations Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	**Walkable towns** Councils across the region constructed footpaths to support walkable and liveable communities. Councils also improved accessibility by identifying and upgrading problem footpaths, and areas requiring additional car parks for disabled permit holders. City of Victor Harbor is implementing its Footpath and Pedestrian Improvement Program, including priority networks for disability access and inclusion. This improvement plan is based on recommendations from the Disability Access and Inclusion Committee, and community consultations from the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and the Community Plan. **Quality public realm** Councils across the region completed public realm upgrades: • Main street improvements in Nairne, Mount Barker and Macclesfield, as well as concept designs for Hahndorf and Littlehampton main streets (Mount Barker District Council) • City of Victor Harbor have completed Stage One and Two of the Main Street Upgrade and continue to improve universal access and inclusion through further stages of the Main Street, Coral Street and Railway Terrace Precinct in Victor Harbor. • Upgraded footpaths and kerb ramps in Kingscote to make them more user friendly (KI Council) • Signage and drinking fountains in the Yankalilla township and along the Normanville foreshore to assist with interpretation and wayfinding as well as encouraging walking activity (Yankalilla Council) Kangaroo Island Council received $2M in grants to fund main street upgrades in all four main townships on the island consisting of paving, landscaping, street furniture etc. **Play opportunities** Councils across the region completed play space projects: • George T Fischer Playground, Stage One (Victor Harbor) • Three new play spaces in at Bridgewater, Birdwood and Paracombe (Adelaide Hills Council) • A new BMX track in Stirling and pump track at Birdwood (Adelaide Hills Council) • Redevelopment of Bythorne Park Nairne to include adventure play elements (Mount Barker District Council) • A new nature playground in the Main Street of the Myponga township in 2018 in partnership with the Myponga Progress Association (Yankalilla Council). • A new skate park, BMX track and recreational facility in Mt Compass, construction of a new pump track in Goolwa and renewal of the Lions Park playground in Strathalbyn (Alexandrina Council). **Open space and trails** Councils across the region maintained and improved public open space (reserves)

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		including facilities and equipment to support passive and active recreation opportunities. Councils completed open space and recreational trail projects: • Mount Barker District Council completed designs and planning for open space including Nairne Village Green, Yantaringa Reserve, Hahndorf and the Glebe in Littlehampton. • Construction of shared trails throughout the Mount Barker growth area (Mount Barker District Council) • Stages 4 and 5 of the Brownlow to Kingscote Walking trail, ending at Reeves Point, and a new 120m high staircase up Prospect Hill (KI Council) • An off-road Nature Walking Trail was constructed from Second Valley foreshore to Randalsea and the Cape Jervis Nature Walking Trail was extended from the start of the Heysen Trail at the Cape Jervis ferry terminal extending the length of the township (Yankalilla Council). • The City of Victor Harbor undertook a walking trails development program including the development of the Inman River walking trail and a new shared pathway from Kent Reserve to the Bluff is also in development. • Adelaide Hills Council is undertaking an audit of trail and cycling network strategic documents and assets. Data from the audit will be used to inform new policy positions and service levels for both trails and cycling infrastructure and assets. **Sport and recreation facilities** Councils also undertook sports and recreation facility projects: • Commencement of construction of the Regional Sports Hub in Mount Barker and other recreation infrastructure projects in Callington, Littlehampton and Mount Barker • KI Council undertook improvements in Parndana (lawn bowling green and lights, oval lights) and Kingscote (spots club pavilion and swimming pool) • Master planning processes at three regional sporting sites (Heathfield, Woodside & Gumeracha) with the aim of achieving more integrated & sustainable assets that serve multiple user groups (Adelaide Hills Council) **Other infrastructure and facilities** • Mount Barker Council supported the relocation of Mount Barker Community Centre to a new home in a central location. • Kangaroo Island Council also supported the community initiated Heartsafe KI program which saw KI having more defibrillators than any other region in SA. Yankalilla Council also installed two 24-hour access Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on several public buildings.
Natural Environments 1.2 Plan for and maintain appealing and accessible natural environments and landscapes that contribute to the liveability of the region and provide unique and diverse activity opportunities.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	**Coastal landscapes** Coastal councils completed priority works to protect and enhance the coastal environment including • KI Council completed stage 1 of the KI Coastal Hazards Mapping pilot project which utilized LIDAR mapping and coastal impact modelling for sea level rise and inundation. This is now being considered to inform the State Planning Policy in 2020-2021. • The City of Victor Harbor has undertaken coastal and estuarine biodiversity projects in partnership with the community and other groups as per the Southern Fleurieu Coastal Action Plan, Inman and Hindmarsh Rivers Estuarine Action Plans, and Environmental Plans. • Alexandrina continues to be actively involved in the Murray Darling Basin Advocacy as a member of Region 6 of the Murray Darling Association. **Pest plant and animal control** Councils across the region undertook pest plant and animal control programs including: • KI Council has continued its support of Natural Resources KI (now Landscapes SA) to pursue the Feral Cat Management Program to eradicate feral cats on the island, assisting with targeted community trapping and permission for the cat fence to

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		traverse Council land. **Biodiversity** Councils also undertook biodiversity protection and improvement initiatives including: • Kangaroo Island Council has revisited signs for beach access to limit cars on beaches and is working with Birdlife Australian on signs to protect the endangered Hooded Plovers. Council obtained a $50,000 grant for the removal of boxthorn on the Dudley Peninsular and liaised with the NRM which undertook the work. • The Cape Jervis Progress Association, Cape Jervis Coastal Community Group and Rapid Bay Primary School assisted with planting 5,000 native seedlings at the Cape Jervis Nature Walking Trail. • The City of Victor Harbor is continuing its Native Vegetation Program. • Alexandrina Council expanded its management of natural areas and works in collaboration with DEW and community groups. Council supported Bush for Life programs across the district and undertook invertebrate pest control program which assists with the conservation of the Hooded Plovers. • Mount Barker Council implemented Council's biodiversity strategy including management programs and works at key biodiversity sites across the district, a revegetation program that saw 10,000 + native plants planted each year, and distributed Sustainable Mount Barker native garden kits in association with the Goolwa to Wellington LAP. • Adelaide Hills Council's Biodiversity Team has continued strong partnerships with Trees for Life through the Bush for Life Program - 28 sites of 95.3 hectares; 203 NVMS sites (Blue Marker sites) or 87.6 kilometres were managed by bushcare contractors, mainly focusing on Declared and serious Environmental weeds • AHC continued to manage fuel loads through facilitating weed management programs (DEW Burning on Private Lands Program, AHC Woody Weed Control Program, and management of APZ's, Council Management Plans and collaborative Work Plans, and key collaborations (Trees for Life / Conservation Volunteers Australia etc) and other volunteer organisations (eg Friends, Landcare etc). It also annually donates Butterfly kits to residents. **Planning for natural areas** Councils also prepared plans and strategies to protect important natural places and biodiversity: • Adelaide Hills Council reviewed and updated its Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (2020), developed and reviewed 5 Council Management Plans for high value reserves and supported and developed the Native Vegetation Council Local Government Tree Management Guidelines (2018) • Mount Barker Council updated the Mount Barker Watercourse Management Plan and the Mount Barker Summit Reserve Management Plan.
Housing 1.3 Encourage the provision of diverse housing choices including affordable housing and housing choices that support older adults and 'ageing in place', people with a disability and young people. This includes allowing for and encouraging diverse housing options through Development Plans and town planning.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbour- hoods for all Generations	**Planning policy** Councils across the region participated in development of the Planning and Design Code including: • reviewing policies within the new Planning and Design Code to ensure that allotment sizes and housing choices are consistent with existing Development Plan policies. • working with the Department of Planning on the introduction of the Planning and Design Code to ensure a diverse range of housing options in appropriate locations. Yankalilla Council completed a Structure Plan for Yankalilla, Normanville and Carrickalinga to guide land supply for residential growth, environmental and employment needs for the next 15 years and staging for future dwellings and open space along the Bungala River and coastal fringe. The Plan identifies areas where future urban infill can be accommodated close to Town Centre areas. Alexandrina Council prepared two Development Plan Amendments to provide land supply for diverse housing in Strathalbyn and Goolwa.

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		Housing Strategies • Alexandrina Council participated in SA Government Housing and Homelessness Strategy consultations 2019. • Mount Barker Council adopted a Housing Strategy for the District. **Other housing initiatives** KI and AHC councils adapted to the immediate needs of those who found themselves homeless due to bushfire – spending much effort on facilitating immediate needs housing solutions and working in tandem with the local Recovery Offices. The City of Victor Harbor supported the Fleurieu Community Foundation to employ an Early Intervention Housing Support Officer, based with Junction Australia. This position supports people at risk of homelessness to maintain their current housing. CVH continues to support the Southern Fleurieu Housing Round Table as well.
Environmental Health 1.4 Undertake and facilitate environmental health services and programs that respond to the requirements of legislation and reflect community issues. Specific initiatives that respond to the health risks in the region are considered in the Council Public Health Action Plans in accordance with available resources.	Sustaining and Improving Public and Environmental Health Protection Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	Councils across the region continued to apply specific public health legislation relating to food safety, on site waste-water management, manufactured water systems, swimming pools/spas, disease prevention and control, pest and vermin control, sanitation, housing/accommodation, water quality, environmental management, contaminated land and emergency management. Numerous outbreak investigations were undertaken by Councils in conjunction with SA Health, dealing with issues such as legionella, salmonella and pests of public health significance. Councils across the region were involved in enforcement activities ranging from warnings through to prosecutions under the Food Act and Wastewater Regulations. **Emergency response** Councils across the region have responded to emergencies and significant challenges in the environmental health services. Adelaide Hills Council has been working closely with the community in the Cudlee Creek Bushfire Recovery, prioritising development and wastewater applications to ensure resident are able to get back into their homes and resume their normal lives quickly. KI Council waivered all statutory fees for development and wastewater applications for all bushfire affected properties. It also worked with GISA to manage asbestos and scrap metal waste removal from bushfire affected areas and currently working on burnt and felled tree removal from the roadside. During 2020 all councils were involved in the Covid19 pandemic response, including providing their communities with COVID Safe information, resources and compliance. Environmental Health Officers were at the forefront of ensuring food businesses were not only complaint but also were kept up to date with the latest changes to allow then to operate their businesses safely. At Mount Barker District Council social distancing monitoring was prioritised under the requirements of the *Emergency Management Act 2004*. To date EHOs have undertaken 1002 COVID-19 compliance checks. Food inspection fees were waived from mid-May to the end of the financial year to support stressed food premise owners. **Wastewater** A significant focus across the region was the assessment and inspection of the installation of wastewater management systems (as the local areas are largely outside of proclaimed SA Water sewer areas), routine inspections, and education of community in regard to wastewater options. • Adelaide Hills Council is undertaking a program to assist property owners with aerobic wastewater systems ensure they meet their legislative requirements. This program involves 2 officer visiting site that have issues and providing guidance as to what is

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		require and how to achieve this. AHC continues to work with SA Water to minimise the impact of onsite wastewater systems on the water catchment • Yankalilla Council transferred the Community Waste Management Scheme and Wirrina Water to SA Water in 2019 relieving forecast maintenance (especially Wirrina Water) and saving ratepayers approximately $734,000 each year. The transfer also enables significant upgrades of both systems to take place earlier that would have otherwise been the case. • KI Council has completed an eastern and a western extension to the Penneshaw Community Wastewater Management Scheme to mitigate onsite wastewater issues. **Food and water** Adelaide Hills Council has been offering Food Safety Training to local businesses to assist them in ensure their staff are aware of food hygiene and handling to better protect the community. The City of Victor Harbor continued the rollout of the South Australian Food Rating Scheme to food businesses. Kangaroo Island Council undertook an audit of businesses that fall under the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Mount Barker Council also participated in the Food Safety Rating Scheme. Since 2018/19 there has been a 10% increase in the number of premises that have achieved a 5-star rating and a 6% reduction in under rated premises which indicates industry standards are improving in the local area. Mount Barker Council's EHOs attended allergen training in October 2019, which detailed the findings from coroner's cases where individuals had died from consuming products with undeclared allergens. Further to the training there has been a greater focus on EHOs undertaking food recall inspections for undeclared allergens to ensure businesses are following food recall protocols. Non-compliant recalls have been identified with some businesses in the area. **Immunisation Programs** Councils across the region facilitated school and community immunisation programs, with many also offering influenza vaccinations free to staff as an initiative to reduce absenteeism and set a positive example to the community. The City of Victor Harbor partnered with the City of Onkaparinga in the delivery of a school-based immunisation program. Yankalilla Council participated in the final stage of the South Australian Meningococcal B Immunity study in 2018/19, throat swabbing and vaccinating students at the Yankalilla Area School. Mount Barker Council delivered community immunisation program as per SA Health funding and have improved delivery through an outreach approach. This has included running community immunisation programs within childcare centres and other locations. **Other environmental health** KI Council installed 48 sharps containers in various public facilities and public toilets. Mount Barker District Council actively approached skin pen and beauty businesses within the District to obtain registration and co-operation from business owners in order to assess their suitability and safety measures in relation to protecting public health in accordance to the SA Health Code of Practice and SA Public Health Act. Additional businesses were identified, with three times more registrations than previously captured. Inspections conducted by EHOs in this area increased by: • 266% beauty inspections • 200% skin pen inspections A major contributing factor to the rise comes from the inclusion of home-based businesses providing services such as microblading and manicures, and allied health care facilities providing therapeutic services such as dry needling and acupuncture.

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Climate Change 1.5 Identify opportunities for responding to the impacts of climate change on the health and well-being of communities, including the health risks associated with extreme heat, disease and personal safety.	All State Public Health Plan priorities Preparing for Climate Change	**Resilient Hills and Coasts** The Resilient Hills and Coasts regional climate change partnership continued with numerous actions identified and implemented. A new Regional Coordinator was engaged and continued to be hosted by Alexandrina Council. Adaptation actions are as follows: • Obtained funding from the Insurance Council of Australia and the SA Disaster Resilience grant fund and finalized the key project 'Where we build/What we build'. This project mapped the exposure of the regions housing to flood, heat and bushfire risk, categorized the sensitivity of existing housing and analysed the economics of retrofitting. • Finalised the Community Energy Program suite of documents, tool kit and information. • Held numerous workshops on Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) planning and design. • Completed mapping of projected coastal hazards for Kangaroo Island and Alexandrina Councils and shared the maps with communities and co-developed adaptation strategies. • Partnered with Resilient South to deliver a Climate Risk for Councils workshop, followed by the first SA pilot of a Climate Risk Governance Assessment. Adelaide Hills and Mt Barker Council took part in the pilot. Southern & Hills LGA has continued its support via representational membership on the Resilient Hills & Coast Climate Change Adaptation Committee. In addition to this regional project, each Council has implemented actions that reflect community priorities and the Council's risks, resources and capacity. These included: **Planning climate change responses and for a low carbon future** • Adelaide Hills Council finalised a Corporate Carbon Management Plan with goals of 100% renewable energy by 2024 and striving towards carbon neutrality. • Mount Barker District Council adopted a new Climate Change Action Plan. **Reducing risks of heat in urban environments** • Adelaide Hills Council is trialing a road surface that contains recycled plastic to test for heat reduction and resilience. • MBDC conducted a range of urban greening activities including street tree planting and revegetation, as well as tree canopy mapping in Mount Barker • Yankalilla District Council provided facilities which support the community during heat waves such as an unrestricted cool/warm environment to the community during opening hours – 31 hours per week at the Library, and a covered outdoor pergola is available to the community 24/7 at "The Centre". It also introduced streetscaping initiatives for the reduction in heat on road surfaces on Main South Road Normanville and Yankalilla. **Preparing for emergencies related to climate change** • AHC also developed an incident operations manual and incident management framework to respond to emergency related threats to community which AHC been successful in supporting a response to recent bushfires and COVID 19. **Protecting community from risks of sea level rise and storms** • City of Victor Harbor undertook priority coastal protection works as identified in the Victor Harbor Coastal Management Study, including upgrading the existing rock wall adjacent to the Victor Harbor Bowling Club. • KI Council has received funding from Coastal Protection Board SA for an American River Levee Bank and plans have been prepared. This is a direct result of the Hazard Mapping study. **Integrating climate change risk into decision-making** • Mount Barker District Council conducted a Climate Change Adaptation Governance

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		Assessment • AHC's new Strategic Plan includes strategic priority N3.3: 'Continue to work in partnership with the Resilient Hills and Coasts region to build Council and community resilience to the impacts of climate change'. • KI Council has introduced a number of strategic actions into its new Strategic Plan 2020-2024 under Strategic Outcome 4.2 'Proactively adapt to environment change' and 4.4 'Support initiatives for a sustainable carbon neutral future'. • KI Council also undertook a Climate Governance Assessment including all policies and introduced "Climate Change" as a governance consideration in its Council Report template. **Involving the community in climate change initiatives** • AHC worked with community to help members engage with climate change issues. For example, the film '2040' by Damon Gamaeu was screened. Afterwards sessions for families and children helped them think about climate change and to create an artistic response to the issue. The resulting large-scale collage was displayed in the Coventry Library, Stirling. • CVH undertook initiatives that increased community understanding of local environmental issues. This included environmental education projects in partnership with the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board, Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority, The South Australian Whale Centre and other environmental groups. • Alexandrina has actively involved the community in responding to climate change. Some recent examples include extending library hours during extreme heat events to provide a cool and safe place for residents and visitors to relax, a Community Energy Forum, Climate Ready Communities training, Passive House Seminar.
Economic Development 1.6 Support and encourage private sector investments in the region that contribute to the health and well-being of communities, including the development of lifestyle oriented housing developments and leisure and tourism facilities.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	**Support for Local Businesses** • Alexandrina Council launched a business Hub to support local businesses. • The City of Victor Harbor partnered with Business Victor Harbor to provide Mainstreet Programs and Activities. • Yankalilla District Council continues to prioritise the support of local businesses wherever ever possible within its procurement processes. It also waived the initial $2,000 fee for start-up owners of Mobile Food Van businesses residing in the District. • Adelaide Hills Council has supported local business groups to deliver key projects for their main street eg tree bud lighting in Stirling; and encouraging and supporting a new agri-tourism event Pome Fest. • Mount Barker Council became a Small Business Friendly Council and provided a variety of business support activities. **Regional economic development, partnership and investment attraction** • Kangaroo Island developed a draft Prospectus and complete Stage 5 of the Brownlow to Kingscote walking trail, taking the trail to the top of Flagstaff Hill, Reeves Point. • The City of Victor Harbor participated in the Fleurieu Peninsula Tourism Board, The Regional Tourism Plan and worked with Regional Development Australia (Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and KI) to support business linkages and economic development activities. • Alexandrina Council partnered with Tourism Industry Council SA to help support our local tourism operators. • Adelaide Hills Council has been working on building the profile of the region as the tourism destination of choice, making it easier to do business in the area, and improving its liveability for our community. Key projects have included: working closely with Adelaide Hills Tourism to improve and enhance visitor information provided through digital platforms, including a new visitor website; contributing to the development of the new State Planning and Design Code. • Mount Barker Council attracted new investment to the region through innovative planning and partnership development, proactive marketing and a supportive,

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		business friendly approach. **Economic planning and strategy** • Alexandrina Council is reviewing its Economic Development Strategy that includes tourism activities. • Mount Barker implemented its Economic Development Strategy.

THEME 2: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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Active Communities 2.1 Facilitate and encourage active communities through diverse programs, services and activity opportunities linked the 'healthy environments'.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	**Physical activity - sport** • Alexandrina, Victor Harbor, Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island supported a regional model for the STARCLUB Field Office Program with funding assistance from the Office for Recreation and Sport, to deliver improved support to local sporting clubs and enhanced support to Councils on a range of recreation and sport matters. In 2019 Alexandrina Council reviewed and resolved to cease its participation in this partnership and is adapting its response to recreation and sport beyond 2020. • The City of Victor Harbor provided a Recreation and Sport Small Grants Program • The Adelaide Hills Council provided a Community and Recreation Facility Grants Program • Alexandrina Council has taken on the management of the Goolwa Recreation Stadium and in 2020 has improved amenities at the stadium, activating the space, increasing usage of the facility and the range of user groups. • Alexandrina Council works closely with the YMCA who are contracted to run the Fleurieu Aquatic Centre and the Strathalbyn Pool. This includes operational and program management of the facility. • Adelaide Hills Council delivered capacity-building workshops for representatives from sporting clubs. **Other physical activity initiatives** • Mount Barker Council participated in the Way2Go program which promotes safer, greener and more active travel for primary school students and their communities. It uses a whole school approach built on a partnership between local councils, school communities and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). • Alexandrina and Mount Barker collaborated with Nature Play SA in 2018 and 2019 to create the Kuitpo Forest Nature Play Festival for families in the region which attracted 4,000 people in 2018 and 4,000 children and families in 2019. The 2020 Festival was cancelled due to COVID-19. • In 2019 Alexandrina Council and the Office of Sport and Recreation funded the design and construction of an asphalt pump track in Goolwa. The pump track is an addition to the Goolwa Skate Park. In 2020 a new shelter and seating with Wi-Fi and charging station was added to the park to improve amenities available for park users. • Yankalilla Council was successful in winning an Age Friendly SA grant for 'Green Gym: Well-being through Ecotherapy' where volunteers propagated seedlings at the Yankalilla Community accessible nursery for planting in public spaces across in the district. • Yankalilla Council has installed the *Step It Out - Yankalilla* track in the main street of Yankalilla – a walking track designed for people of all ages to measure a small walking journey in stages of 250m, 500m, 750m and 1km. It is ideal for people who have mobility issues, older people, people who are undertaking post-surgery rehabilitation or people who simply want to walk more. • Yankalilla Council introduced the Fleurieu Coast Free Bike Hire scheme in 2018 in partnership with the Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure. New collection nodes had increased usage by 38% in 2019. • The City of Victor Harbor replaced the Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment in Kent Reserve. **Seniors and active aging** • Through the Australian Government Commonwealth Home Support Program a

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		number of Councils provided programs that support older people to stay independent and in their homes and communities for longer. • The City of Victor Harbor Provided the Caring Neighbourhood Program and The Positive Ageing Task force that provided activities and initiatives that supported an active and inclusive environment for older people. • Adelaide Hills received an Active Neighborhoods for Older Australians grant to deliver over 65s dance classes at its Community Centres. • Mount Barker District Council provides a social program through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) for seniors which includes a range of outings – coffee clubs, cinema, bus outing and a men's lunch group • Mount Barker Council also delivered programs for seniors including Have fun with Painting, Have fun with Acting, High Tea and Dance events and the Op Shop Hop event. Council supported Nairne Nifty +50's, Contemporary Dance for Seniors, Parkinson's SA group, Hills Treasure event, Top Hat meetings, Mount Barker Men's Shed and the University of the Third Age. • Yankalilla Council's CHSP Transport Service engages local residents as volunteer drivers to deliver safe, efficient transport for eligible people who are over 65 years. Transport is provided for attending medical appointments and for well-being and re-ablement activities across metropolitan and regional SA. A wheelchair-accessible vehicle was purchased in 2020 increasing the CHSP fleet to 4 vehicles. • Alexandrina Council is transitioning out of the delivery of the Commonwealth Home Support Program and the SA HACC program by June 2020. Alexandrina Council recognises the benefits of active ageing and will continue to provide opportunities for mature aged residents in its community to live healthy lives.
Health Education 2.2 Contribute to community awareness of health risks in the region (obesity, substance abuse, driver safety etc) and the benefits of healthy living through physical activity and health eating.	Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy Eating and Being Active	**Healthy aging** Councils across the region supported health education initiatives for people working within the aged care sector through the Hills Positive Ageing Taskforce and Southern Fleurieu & KI Positive Ageing Taskforce including: • Aged Care Quality Standards for aged care providers • Aged Friendly Assessments for local business • Dementia Training • Wellbeing training • Community education around changes in the Aged Care Sector • LGBTI Inclusivity Training • Cultural Diversity • Older Person Mental Health First Aid training • Men's Health and Wellbeing Through the Positive Ageing Taskforce, Victor Harbor, Alexandrina and Yankalilla Councils worked with key stakeholders to continue the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative in order to raise awareness of local dementia services, information and support. The resources developed as a result of the Dementia Caddy Project will be made accessible to the community through the development of a website with links to Dementia education and support. Yankalilla District Council's *Ounce of Prevention* program was developed from the results of our Age Friendly survey and Community survey, requesting free health-based short information sessions. It was a 5-week program, with 30-minute weekly sessions, using guest presenters on such subjects as Diabetes, CPR, Fall Prevention, Meditation for Beginners and Food Labelling. Mount Barker District Council also provided health and wellbeing information sessions for seniors including talks about volunteering, emergency plans, continence, diabetes, arthritis, mental health, staying healthy in hot weather, advanced care directives, dementia, My Health Record, controlling your energy bills, scams, home security and personal safety, road safety, digital resources at the library and disability aids.

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		Food safety education Mount Barker District Council continues to facilitate TAFE SA food safety training for businesses and volunteer food handlers. Council staff also presented at the Lifestyle Retirement Village Mt Barker on food safety for vulnerable population (over 65 years). • How to purchase food safely • Identifying risks when storing and cooking potentially hazardous foods • Managing those risks **Youth** Mount Barker District Council supported learn to drive school holiday programs for young people in partnership with Alexandrina Council and TAFE, and nutrition programs in partnership with headspace. Working in partnership with the Strathalbyn Suicide Prevention Network and Eastern Fleurieu School, Alexandrina Council supported mental health awareness talks with internationally renowned guest speaker Nic Newling, offered both to all high school students in Strathalbyn in Years 10 and 11 and the local community. **Driver safety** Kangaroo Island Council continued the Drive / Enjoy / Survive and "Drive to the Conditions" road safety awareness program. Adelaide Hills Council provided Young Drivers Awareness Courses. **Nutrition education** Alexandrina Council supports the Mount Compass Long Table Lunches which is a monthly activity that promotes healthy and nutritious meal preparation for a group of local women in Mount Compass. **Mental health** Mental Health Awareness raising activities were undertaken at Mental Health Week Youth Wellbeing Workshops October 2018 in the Alexandrina Council. **Drug and alcohol education** Alexandrina Council is a member of the Strathalbyn Local Drug Action Team. An initiative of the Strathalbyn LDAT undertaken in 2019 was the Aim Higher project, which offered funding to groups of young people to facilitate an activity for young people that would encourage a "natural high", aimed to prevent young people from choosing to use drugs and alcohol. Three youth-led events were funded in Strathalbyn, a Halloween themed event, a model train themed fundraising event and a LAN party. Information was available on local drug and alcohol services at these events. **Other health education** • The City of Victor Harbor has provided Child Safe Environments Training to the region. • Adelaide Hills Council provided infection Control training with AHC community care staff in response to COVID-19.
Childhood and Youth Development 2.3 Encourage and support initiatives that contribute to the positive development children and young people, with a particular focus on welfare dependant families and children of and youth at risk.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations	**Family support** • Alexandrina, Victor Harbor and Yankalilla, through the Fleurieu Families program, and in partnership with local services, the state and commonwealth governments, provided resources and workshops to increase community connections, parenting knowledge and skills, and an early intervention home visiting program to support families. • Led by Fleurieu Families, the *Thriving on The Fleurieu Collective Impact Plan 2019-2021* aims to improve wellbeing, connectedness and resilience of families, children and young people across the Fleurieu Region. • Adelaide Hills Council has a partnership with C&YH to run parenting groups for new parents around literacy.

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		Children • Councils across the region provides development opportunities for children and youth through their Community Libraries. These include early literacy, school holiday programs, children's STEM programs such as the Little Bang Science Club, Book Week events and author talks, partnering with local primary schools to offer library services, participating in Nature Play activities, and computer facilities. • Adelaide Hills Council provides school holiday programs at community centres, such as movie mornings, Lego, nature play, virtual reality, shed activities, art based activities, etc. Regular programs include Lego/board games groups, story time and virtual reality. • AHC also provides services such as sensory story time for children with additional needs, Indigenous language story time, bedtime stories, visits from the library bus to schools, winter activity programs and STEM programs. • During COVID lockdown Adelaide Hills Council provided opportunities for children to access non screen time activities such as treasure hunts and art projects. • KIC sponsored the local school to send students to Canberra, to Adelaide to attend Youth Parliament, and for purchases and travel associated with the Oliphant Science Awards. **Youth** • The City of Victor Harbor supports a Youth Advisory Committee to provide youth leadership opportunities and support the involvement of young people in the planning and development of youth activities. • Yankalilla Council has established the Fleurieu Coast Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to enable young people to design the activities they want to participate in. • Alexandrina Council hosts Mental Health Week events annually, these have included youth focused workshops. • Kangaroo Island Council continued with its Youth Sponsorship Program, where young people between 12-24 can apply for assistance to pursue learning opportunities or access travel to attend training and competition off island. • KI Council has also included two youth focused strategies in its new Strategic Plan: 'Create opportunities for a sustainable future for youth on the island, including implementing a Council work experience and training program' and 'Develop a Youth Engagement Strategy'. • MBDC Council delivered Sunday Sessions at the Mount Barker Skate Park, Reconciliation Event, training programs in partnership with TAFE SA, Operation Flinders Program, Star of the Hills program, Adelaide Hills Career Expo, Just Too Deadly Awards and the Heartlands Program. Council continued to develop its partnership with the Mount Barker Community Centre, Ink Pot Arts and other organisations to coordinate and deliver programs and services to the district's youth. Some programs, such as Youth Week and involvement in the Nature Play Festival were suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions. • Adelaide Hills Council has developed a Youth Leadership Program to provide youth with leadership development opportunities based on facilitated transferrable soft skill development workshops and an opportunity to plan events and projects around identified youth issues and needs. Adelaide Hills Council have also run widely appreciated Year 12 Support program, to normalize the pressures of Year 12 on students, and have continued to run school holiday programs, Driver Awareness training, LAN parties and regular music jamming workshops. AHC Youth Development have also developed and run their annual Hills Youth Arts exhibition, SHARE. • Yankalilla Council's 'Youth Week 2018' – a successful Skate Park event - was jointly planned and run by the YAC, and in partnership with local service clubs and neighbouring Councils. • Yankalilla Council is an active partner in the Operation Flinders Camp to the Flinders Ranges, engaging at-risk youth in team building, self-development activities. • Until the end of 2019, Alexandrina Council employed a Youth Development Officer, focused mainly on the Strathalbyn region. Some initiatives supported through that role included:

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		- Strath Community Youth (SCY) – a group for young people with a focus on active citizenship and community involvement. Members were encouraged to volunteer at or participate in a range of community events, including the Strath Show, Christmas Where the Angas Flows, Nature Play Forest Festival, Dads & Kids Dinners and Tour Down Under Summer & Spokes event - The establishment of a Youth Writing Group to encourage and support young writers. Activities included a launch event with the Libraries team to recognise and promote a book written by one of the young writers in the group. This group transitioned to the Libraries team at the start of 2020. - Youth Week activities in 2019, including the facilitation of planning meetings, a Youth Music Festival and a Civic Engagement Workshop for local high school students, attended by Council EM's, Rebekah Sharkie and Josh Teague.
Connected Communities 2.4 Facilitate opportunities for people within communities to connect to each other, including a focus on connecting commuters, temporary residents and isolated people in the region.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations	**Transport** A number of Councils, with funding assistance from state and commonwealth governments, provided community transport services to assist transport disadvantaged people to access essential services. Kangaroo Island sponsored Junction Australia (Kingscote's) community bus service. **Festivals and events** Councils across the region encouraged a vibrant community culture and social connections through support and provision of festivals, markets and events. These included Christmas events and New Year's Eve celebrations, bonfire nights, art exhibitions, music festivals and Fringe events, NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week, as well as a range of special events connected to the region's communities, heritage and natural environment. These included: Wooden Boat Festival, Goolwa Regatta Week, The Compass Cup, Aquafest, Cittaslow Smoke Off Festival, Lower Lakes Stockmen's Challenge & Bush Festival, Medieval Fair, Santos Tour Down Under. - KI Council worked with organisations to gain external funding and encourage festivals on island such as The Fringe and the Adelaide Guitar Festival (Fringe events held in Penneshaw and A Guitar Festival in American River). **Community grants** Councils across the region provided funding and grants to community centres, community halls and Institutes, men's sheds, community gardens, sporting clubs and recreation grounds to facilitate activities that build social connection and stimulate community development, festival/events, arts/culture, sport/recreation, and environmental activity. **Arts and culture** - Adelaide Hills Council opened Fabrik – its new arts and heritage hub at the former Onkaparinga Woollen Mill, Lobethal –and supported public art and placemaking activities through the provision of grant funding. - The City of Victor Harbor developed the Coral Street Art Space and continues plans to extend this to an Arts and Culture Precinct including the purchase of the Victa Cinema. - Alexandrina Council supported various arts and cultural activities at its Signal Point Gallery, South Coast Regional Arts Centre and Centennial Hall. It has now added school holiday movies to the 'Just Add Water' Program, providing an opportunity for holiday makers and local children and families to enjoy family experiences locally. Alexandrina Council continued its support of **New technologies** Adelaide Hills Council appointed a Digital Learning Officer to actively support shaping and delivering digital learning across the Adelaide Hills community. **Community Libraries** Councils across the region provided Libraries with a range of services, programs and resources to meet community needs. The libraries are part of the state-wide OneCard

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		Network, connecting public libraries to a shared database of resources and customers. Services offered by Council's libraries include Toy Library, sessions for babies and pre-school children for literacy development, educational events and activities for adults and children provided by school holiday activities, author talks, information sessions and programs, children's STEM programs, computer and printing facilities, supporting and providing resources for book clubs (valuable to the community to combat isolation and loneliness) craft groups, a Be Connected digital literacy program for 50+ to improve digital literacy skills, a mobile digital devices program which loans devices to the community to improve skills in their homes, a home library delivery service to aged care facilities and private residences to assist with access to library materials.

Social programs
- Adelaide Hills Council offers various workshops and regular programs at its community centres such as exercise classes, arts and craft based classes, cards and games, bus outings, community sheds, garden group, cooking classes, rug weaving, mindfulness and yoga. AHC also runs an annual Hills Harmony Picnic to celebrate multiculturalism in the Hills.
- Hills Connected Communities Consortium (AHC & MBDC) delivered programs to increase social connection, with regional collaboration around activities such as Reconciliation Week, skate park series and nature play festivals.
- Yankalilla Council commenced its Community Outreach Program working with the individual townships across the district to encourage vibrant community culture by supporting local projects. Council empowers and partners with key stakeholders to deliver projects such as:
    - Establishment of the Cape Jervis Progress Association
    - Kids' Markets
    - Wellness Day Workshop
    - CPR sessions
    - Men's Cancer Fundraiser event
    - Family Games Day
    - Junior Football Mental Health workshops
- Yankalilla Council presented a range of affordable activities and classes for all age groups at the Yankalilla Community Centre including:
    - School Holiday & Summer programs
    - Health & Wellbeing Information sessions
    - My Aged Care information sessions
    - Advanced Care Directives
    - Social & recreational sessions

Support for vulnerable or disadvantaged community members
- Victor Harbor Council, in partnership with the Alexandrina Council and with funding assistance from the Australian Government, supported the Caring Neighbourhood Program to support isolated residents, especially older people, to develop connection with their community.
- The City of Victor Harbor provides Support Groups in a number of areas including, grandparents who permanently care for children, families living with children with disability, women and children impacted by family and domestic violence, young people and parents/carers of young people in the LGBTIQ+ community
- Yankalilla Council hosts 2 locations for Food Hamper collection. This supports local churches who provide food hampers to low-income residents. Council also formed and co-ordinated the Community Welfare Support Group at the start of COVID-19 restrictions to provide food hampers and mental health support to isolated residents.
- Community Connect is a partnership program involving Yankalilla Council and other service agencies which hosts a weekly drop-in service where residents can meet other community members and service providers to share information. Workshops and guest speakers are arranged on a regular basis.
- Yankalilla Council supports the local Fleurieu Refugee Support Group. |

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Volunteering and Skills 2.5 Encourage and support volunteering and skills development opportunities that support and encourage active and connected communities.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations	**Council volunteers** Councils across the region supported volunteering opportunities through their Libraries, Community Centres, Visitor Centres, CHSP programs, conservation areas and public reserves. **Development of volunteering** • Victor Harbor, Alexandrina and Yankalilla councils supported Southern Volunteering to provide a local volunteer referral service for residents wanting to get involved in community life and share their skills and experience • Supporting the growth of volunteering in the community, Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker District Councils provide an online recruitment platform assisting community groups and organisations to list volunteering vacancies and individuals to search and find suitable volunteering roles. • Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker District established a networking group to provide opportunity for those who lead volunteers in the community to connect, receive sector updates and hear from guest speakers. • Adelaide Hills Council has delivered training workshops focused on engaging and recruiting volunteers to assist community leaders develop their volunteer management skills. **Recognition of volunteers** • The City of Victor Harbor provided a Volunteer Week Small Grants Program to encourage and assist communities to recognize the contribution of their volunteers. Due to COVID restrictions the grant recipients were given an extension to use and report on the grant. • Kangaroo Island Council continued with Young Achiever of the Year Awards and Citizen of the Year, Project of the Year and Event of the Year awards. • Adelaide Hills, Alexandrina and Mount Barker District Councils continue to recognise and celebrate the contribution of volunteers across the region through hosting a collaborative volunteer event held during National Volunteer Week.
Access to services 2.6 Advocate for good access to health services across the region including through increased and improved health services for vulnerable communities through health agencies and the private sector. This includes advocating for improved medical and health services and public transport.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations	In partnership with relevant agencies and services Councils have advocated for, or contributed to reviews on a range of health and related services including: • Improved security services at the Southern Fleurieu Emergency Department and Hospital • Increases and changes to Mental Health funding in the region • The local and regional needs of older people through contributing to consultations and submissions related to aged care policy reform and related issues. • State Housing and Homelessness Strategy and increase in local services and support for people experiencing homelessness. • Need for a dialysis service at Mount Barker Hospital. • Establishment and expansion of headspace services in the region. • Strathalbyn Health Precinct and SA Health's co-design plans for Strathalbyn aged care population. • Public education services in Goolwa and Mount Barker. • Access to tertiary education services in the region. The Primary Health Network and Yankalilla Council have jointly developed its Online Service Directory for health services in the region.
THEME 3: PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS		
Planning and Policies 3.1 Integrate health objectives and outcomes within future planning for towns, new	All State Public Health Plan priorities	**Strategic Plans** Councils across the region commenced or completed preparation of new Strategic Management Plans, required by the Local Government Act. These planning processes have in most cases resulted in Community Wellbeing strategies and actions being imbedded in the Strategic Plans. For example.

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developments, facilities and open spaces. This includes reflecting health principles and objectives within Development Plans, Strategic Plans, community, open space and asset planning, and climate change planning.		• Yankalilla Council undertook a significant process of connecting with the community to inform the development of the Strategic Management Plan 2020-2030. This process called *Nature's Best – Let's Plan the Rest* was the biggest community consultation ever undertaken by Council, engaging with over 10% of the population in a conversation about the future. The process resulted in collectively identifying 12 Key Priorities. • Kangaroo Island Council has included in its Strategic Plan 2020-2024 strategic outcome 2.2 'Enrich community culture, health and wellbeing' • AHC has included in its Strategic Plan 2020-2024 strategic outcome C4: 'An active, healthy, thriving and resilient community' **Disability Access and Inclusion Plans (DAIPs)** Councils across the region commenced their DAIP development in this period. **Other plans and policies** • Adelaide Hills Council endorsed a Play Space Policy in 2019 that includes principles and guidelines for how Council will plan, develop and manage play spaces. The policy will assist Council to make strategic, sustainable and equitable decisions regarding play space provision and ensure that opportunities for participation are enhanced. • Mount Barker Council completed Township Plans for Hahndorf, Macclesfield, Callington, Echunga, Meadows and Harrogate/Brukunga. • Mount Barker Council developed a Reconciliation Action Plan, a new Climate Change Action Plan, completed a Housing Strategy and commenced reviewing its Open Space Strategy and Trails Strategy. • Yankalilla Council was a key participant in the development and implementation of *Thriving on The Fleurieu Collective Impact Plan 2019-2021.* • Yankalilla Council developed its community engagement framework called *Connecting with Our Community*. This framework will guide how Council communicates and engages with community members. **Planning and Design Code, and planning policy** • Councils considered strategic planning priorities in the context of the implementation of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act. The implementation of the Statewide planning reform process will result in a subsequent change from a Development Plan to the Planning and Design Code. • Councils across the region reviewed the proposed policies within the new Planning and Design Code to ensure that they reflect the type of communities they wish to see in the region. • Alexandrina commenced the Development Plan Amendment process for the Goolwa North Growth Area in which the policies seek to ensure that there is provision for active public spaces and access to equitable open space, shops, education facilities and a range of community services. Housing diversity is also encouraged to ensure that there is affordability, provision for different household sizes and preferences. It also provides for the protection of native vegetation and a 'green network' to revegetate drainage corridors and recreational linkages.
Advocating on Social issues 3.2 With potential health partners, advocate for social health issues in the region to be addressed, including drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, domestic violence and homelessness. A	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations Increasing Opportunities for Healthy Living, Healthy	In partnership with relevant agencies and services, Councils have advocated for social issues and service reforms impacting on vulnerable people. City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council advocated for the local and regional needs of older people though contribution to consultations and submissions related to aged care policy reform and related issues. City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council prepared submissions to the State Governments Housing and Homelessness Strategy. Adelaide Hills Council and Mount Barker District Council have been advocating to State Government for support for the community to recover from recent bushfires and are in

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coordinated approach to responding to these issues will be required.	Eating and Being Active	the process of implementing strategies to support recovery, mental health and resilience throughout impacted communities. Alexandrina and Kangaroo Island Councils provided local government nominees to respective Country Health SA Health Advisory Councils (Hills Area, Kangaroo Island and South Coast) to relay ideas and views from the community to facilitate planning for new and improved health and wellbeing services.
Networking 3.3 Participate in and support networking within the health sector, including resource sharing and partnering opportunities.	Stronger and Healthier Communities and Neighbourhoods for all Generations	Councils across the region facilitated and / or supported a range of networks to encourage information sharing, networking, collaboration, partnerships and advocacy including: • Southern Fleurieu Youth Network • The Southern Fleurieu Housing Round Table • The Fleurieu Region Aboriginal Community Initiatives Network • The Southern Fleurieu Service Provider Network • The High Risk Infants Meetings • KI Health Advisory Council. • Strathalbyn & District Health Service Clinical Services Committee • Strathalbyn Service providers Network • Hills Positive Ageing Taskforce • Southern Fleurieu & Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce • Hills Community Passenger Network • Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network • Hoarding and Squalor Working Group • Goolwa Community Network • Growing Life Connections • Special Interest Groups relating to the following public health topics – Wastewater, Food Act and Health Managers Forum. • Mount Barker Council supported the establishment of the Adelaide Hills Disability and Inclusion Reference Group (DIRG) and the Disability Sector Network. • Mount Barker District Council supported the establishment of a Suicide Prevention Network in the area which now has a strong and stable membership of over 15 people. • Yankalilla Council supports the local Fleurieu Refugee Support Group and is a declared Refugee Welcome Zone. • The Hills Positive Ageing Project was part of the workgroup who facilitated the State Regional Aged Care Forum themed 'Ageing with Independence and Purpose' was held in Port Augusta 2019 with many from our regions attending • State-wide Collaborative Project – Research project: CHSP COVID Recovery Response Project which was forwarded to the Department of Health. Councils continue to network with other regional Councils at various levels to identify potential opportunities to partner in funding applications and new health initiatives.
Across Region initiatives 3.4 Consider opportunities for across region initiatives (including between 'sub regions') to achieve health initiatives and services that are beyond the scope of an individual Council or there is an economic or social benefit to establishing a partnership.	All State Public Health Plan priorities	The Southern & Hills LGA participated in the Community Wellbeing Alliance Pilot Project (funded by the LGASA) to support coordination between Council on public health. A number of workshops and collaborative projects were initiated in this period through the Pilot Project. Councils participated in the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Zone Emergency Committee in order to maintain a Zone Management Plan. Councils participated in the Fleurieu Bushfire Management Committee to develop and maintain a Regional Bushfire Management Plan. Fleurieu councils partnered to provide a range of community services and other initiatives, including the Fleurieu Region Aquatic Centre and Fleurieu Region Waste Authority.

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		Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker and Alexandrina Councils work collaboratively across the region to deliver transport services and support for positive ageing service providers. They have received funding from Department for Health and Wellbeing, Office for Ageing Well run a wellbeing project aimed at building wellbeing champions throughout the region to support older people to age well.

Adelaide Hills and Mount Barker Councils work collaboratively to provide support for volunteer involving organisations.

Arts and Culture Facilitator is a shared resource between Yankalilla Council, the City of Victor Harbor and Country Arts SA to provide arts and cultural programs and initiatives within the region.

Victor Harbor, Yankalilla and Alexandrina Councils are members of the Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee where the Regional Health Plan is a regular agenda item allowing cross-Council discussion of current issues and trends.

Yankalilla, Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Councils partnered in the provision of Fleurieu Families to provide a range of supports for families with children. At 30 June 2020 Alexandrina Council ceased partnering in this program. Fleurieu Families will continue to deliver services to the regions the Commonwealth and State Governments fund them to support, this includes Goolwa through to Port Elliot in the Alexandrina Council Region.

Through the STARCLUB Field Office Program, the Alexandrina, Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island Councils and City of Victor Harbor supported the development of strong and sustainable sporting clubs and enhanced support to councils on a range of recreation and sport matters. As of 30th June 2020 Alexandrina Council ceased partnering in this program. The Office of Recreation and Sport fund the ongoing Star Club Field Officer Program across the region. |
| Funding and resources

3.5   Seek additional funding and resources from other levels of government and funding providers to contribute to achieving health initiatives in the region. | All State Public Health Plan priorities | Councils across the region collaborated to attract grant funding for four public health projects hosted by the Southern & Hills LGA:
• Community Wellbeing Alliance Pilot Project
• Community Wellbeing Indicators for South Australian Local Governments
• Regional Champions for Accessible Destinations in the S&HLGA
• Regional Champions for Accessible Communications in the S&HLGA

Councils receive funding from state and commonwealth governments for a wide range of health and wellbeing initiatives including:
• Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing
• Department for Human Services
• Commonwealth Department of Health
• Commonwealth Department of Social Services
• Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities

Adelaide Hills Council has received the following grant funding for the delivery of priority sports projects:
• Heathfield Oval Change Room Project - Sports Australia - $499,199
• Heathfield Oval Change Room & Cricket Net Project – Office for Recreation Sport & Racing - $490,000
• Bushfire Impacted Oval's Remediation - AFL Bushfire Recovery Fund - $212,250
• Lobethal Bushland Park Play Space Project - State Emergency Relief Fund - $150,000
• Gumeracha Court Reconstruction & Resurfacing Project - Federal Government Community Development Grants - $220,000

Mount Barker District Council has been successful in obtaining funding for the following open space projects: |

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		• Littlehampton Greening (Miels Park and the Glebe, Littlehampton); - Places for People State Government funding - $400k • Extension to the Laratinga linear trail, Mount Barker - $380k Kangaroo Island Council also received Place for People grant for main street improvements in four towns. The City of Victor Harbor received funding from State and Federal Governments for the provision of: • STARCLUB Field Officer • Fleurieu Families • Positive Ageing Task Force • Caring Neighbourhood Programs • Southern Communities Transport Scheme Alexandrina Council has successfully obtained funding for the following: • State Government- Goolwa Sports Precinct - $800,000 • Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) & Alexandrina council & Goolwa Surf Life Saving Club (GSLSC) - GSLSC build - $3.5 million • SLSSA & Alexandrina Council & Chiton Surf Life Saving Club (CSLSC) - CSLSC re-build - $3.53 million • SLSSA & Alexandrina Council & Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club (PESLSC) PESLSC re-build – 5.5 million • Federal and State Funding for the Goolwa Wharf Precinct Revitalisation Project - $7.5 million • Federal - Regional Arts Fund Community Grant (youth theatre program) $14,446 A number of Councils received funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health, Commonwealth Home Support program for services to support older people to remain within their own homes.
Coordinated approach 3.6 Adopt a coordinated and strategic approach to obtaining funding, strengthening health partner relationships and achieving health related initiatives. This could involve a region-wide working group that liaises on health opportunities and initiatives.	All State Public Health Plan priorities	All councils in the region participate in the S&HLGA Regional Public Health Working Group. The Southern & Hills LGA Executive Officer provides administrative and secretarial assistance to this group. The key outcomes and successes of the Southern and Hills Local Government Association Regional Public Health Working Group are reported to the Southern & Hills LGA Board via the Executive Officer Board report. The Fleurieu Region Community Services Advisory Committee (a Section 41 Committee) supported a regional approach between the Victor Harbor, Alexandrina and Yankalilla to: • Advise on planning, development and implementation of regional community service programs. • Monitor and review the operations of Councils' regional community service programs. • Identify current and emerging regional community service needs and make recommendations on priorities for future planning and service development. • Facilitate regional advocacy and support for responses to local community services issues, and in particular local initiatives with regional significance. Through the Fleurieu Families Program, Alexandrina, Victor Harbor and Yankalilla Councils continue to develop a Collective Impact Plan to support a regional approach between agencies and services to support for the wellbeing of children. Adelaide Hills Council also partners with neighboring community centers to provide a coordinated approach to service provision and accessing funding opportunities, and with Mount Barker District Council to run a Reconciliation Working Group and to support volunteering in our communities.

Section 2: EMERGING PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges 2018-2020

Mental Health
- There are ongoing challenges in the region regarding funding for Mental Health and access to adequate services. These existing challenges have been exacerbated by the impacts of bushfire on communities in three of the Councils in this region, and by the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.
- Yankalilla District Council notes that the community based agencies have started to collaborate to prepare a mental health plan for the Yankalilla district to enable more funding for services to be available for community members in the district.

Transport
- Expenses associated with transport to Adelaide for health-related services which are not available in the region. The issue is being close enough to Adelaide not to have services provided in the region, but not close enough to be in the metro-ticket scheme for transport. For example, from City of Victor Harbor the ticket cost is $28 per adult. When people need regular transport (eg 5 days per week) to attend a health service this is very expensive.
- A Strategic Directions and Public Transport Action Plan for the Adelaide Hills – Fleurieu Peninsula Region was developed in this period. Implementation of this plan will require new investments in public transport. The Plan aims to significantly improve public transport services and infrastructure in the region under 3 key themes
    - a. Regional equity (be as good as comparable other regions)
    - b. Smart investment (future proof, improve ROI and reduce congestion)
    - c. Economic Growth (enable, attract more tourists and support the region's population and businesses).

Managing COVID 19 and the assessment of Gaps highlighted by the pandemic.
- Covid 19 pandemic highlighted the high reliance on volunteers in the region and the impact of losing these volunteers was considerable. For example, 80% of volunteer drivers in one council's medi-ride system were in the vulnerable groups for covid-19 and were not able to continue providing very important volunteer services during the pandemic. There is a need to mitigate the risks related to having high numbers of volunteers in essential roles.

State – Local Government collaboration in public health
- The Mount Barker and Murray Bridge Hoarding and Squalor working group is currently not operating. The lack of funding support at a state level to provide collaborative resources to respond to hoarding and Squalor cases made it difficult get constructive outcomes. Without any real commitment from SA Health and the State Government to respond to the growing issue of Squalor and Hoarding the working group is really only a platform for the discussion of various case studies.

Managing growth and funding for infrastructure and services.
- Mount Barker District Council continues to experience challenges regarding funding and providing sufficient services and community infrastructure. Building the healthy communities of the future requires access to local services, schools, employment opportunities, recreation and open space, community meeting places, health services and public transport. Mount Barker is experiencing significant growth and change as a result of the 30-year Plan for Greater Adelaide. There is a need and opportunity to improve the alignment of other systems such as education, transport, infrastructure and health with the urban planning system of South Australia.
- Alexandrina Council is also experience growth, and challenges providing balanced infrastructure spending across its 10 townships.

State Planning Reform

- Councils note there are challenges with implementation of the Planning and Design Code, particularly ensuring that the policies that are introduced will reflect the housing needs of the community with respect to adaptability and energy efficiency, and that the new Code will promote health and wellbeing through the built environment.

Impact of funding and reforms in Aged/Disability Services on Local Government

- State/Commonwealth governments have changed, and continue to change, how aged care and disability services are funded and delivered. Key principle underpinning reform is the change in Commonwealth support from 'block funding' to a 'packaged care' funding model - an individualised budget. In 2019 Alexandrina Council identified the need to commence planning to enable Council to make informed and proactive decisions before the funding regime changes and, Council was forced into reaction without the time to plan for transition of services, clients or staff. Alexandrina Council's decision to cease delivery of South Australian Home and Community Care (SA HACC) /Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services from 2021 required a substantial transition

plan to ensure:

- relevant service providers are active in the region
- current HACC and CHSP clients are carefully and sensitively moved to alternate service providers
- that Council adequately assesses its role in 'filling any gaps', and
- that workforce planning is appropriately managed.

Emerging public health issues 2018-20

Increased extreme climate events such as heat waves and bushfire.
- Kangaroo Island Council, Adelaide Hills Council and Mount Barker District Council were all impacted by bushfire during 2019/20.

Social impacts and disruption from population growth
Mount Barker District Council has emerging challenges regarding rapid growth and change including:
- Integrating new and existing communities, particularly in the growth areas.
- Keeping the best of local culture, connection, heritage and identity in townships.
- Supporting our priority populations, who have likely been disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change and Covid-19, so that they are also not 'left behind' during growth.

Covid-19 pandemic
- Financial hardship driven from economic downturn due to Covid-19
- Mental health and wellbeing impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic and social isolation
- Restrictions on travel for holiday property owners, especially in coastal communities
- Restrictions on delivery of events that attract visitor populations and help connect communities.

Councils also noted emerging issues regarding:
- Safety of staff in emergency departments due to a rise in violent drug and alcohol presentations.
- Emergency housing, homelessness, hoarding and squalor
- Poverty
- Transport disadvantage
- Resourcing to implement the DAIP and resourcing to support mainstream services to be accessible for all
- Sport facility upgrades and replacement of ageing infrastructure
- Decline in volunteerism.

Opportunities

Sharing learning and experiences. There is significant opportunity for councils in the region to better share their learning and experience in developing and implementing programs that respond to the public health needs of communities.

Partnerships and collaboration. While there is already significant partnering and collaboration between councils in the region there is an opportunity to enhance collaboration and build new partnerships in responding to the public health needs of communities.

Measuring success. There is an opportunity to further develop awareness of social determinants of health and health equity as a basis for measuring whether public health plans are having a positive impact of the health and wellbeing of communities.

Funding reforms for Aged/Disability Care Sector. Funding for this sector, post reform, remains dynamic. Alexandrina Council is taking the opportunity to re-imagine its programs and services to better meet the needs of the whole community, and to transition to a new model in a staged and appropriately managed manner from 2021.

Grant funding opportunities have increased due to government stimulus funding. The challenge is to harness these for public health outcomes (eg footpath construction programs, not just road upgrades).

Cross departmental collaborations. There is potential for more collaboration between Council's departments to align efforts and improve public health. In this period, Councils engaged in cross-departmental collaboration to develop Disability Access and Inclusion Plans.