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COUNCILS ADOPT SOUTHERN EYRE PENINSULA REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN 2023-2028

The City of Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Council, and District Council of Tumby Bay have worked together in developing a new Regional Public Health Plan to ensure our community's wellbeing is at the forefront of policy and decision-making by all levels of government. The new Plan was adopted by each Council during their respective January and February Ordinary Council Meetings.

This updated Plan, which supersedes the inaugural Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan (SEPRPHP) released in 2015, is a comprehensive plan that serves as a foundation for understanding and addressing factors impacting community health and well-being within the Southern Eyre Peninsula region.

Mayors Diana Mislov, Jo-Anne Quigley and Geoff Churchett said, "This plan appraises the wide range of services and initiatives our Councils provide and reveals opportunities to improve our community's health and wellbeing. Each Council will use the SEPRPHP to continue to work together to build stronger and more resilient communities, but also to collaborate and build stronger partnerships with state and federal governments, to improve coordination and levels of service delivery and advocate for our community's needs into the future.

Ensuring a unified approach across all communities, the SEPRPHP aligns with the South Australian Public Health Plan, the four priority areas being:

- **Promote** – Build stronger communities and healthier environments
- **Protect** – Protect against public and environmental health risks and respond to climate change
- **Prevent** – Prevent chronic disease, communicable disease and injury
- **Progress** – Strengthen the systems that support public health and wellbeing

As local government, our role is not as a direct provider of health care, but we play a vital part in enhancing our community's overall well-being, empowering residents to lead healthier lives. Under each of the four priority areas in the SEPRPHP are key actions for the Councils to work towards, both individually and collaboratively. Some of the broader regional actions outlined in the SEPRPHP are:

- Regional collaboration on improving walking trails and camping
- Support all people to live well within our communities
- Regional support and advocacy to improve transport options
- Regional climate change planning and institutional collaboration

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- Regional emergency management response
- Consider a regional approach to sustainable waste management and recycling
- Regional partnership in promotion of minimising infectious and communicable diseases
- Regional collaboration on proactive health promotion
- Regional advocacy to support mental health and suicide prevention
- Optimise benefits and value from regional models of service delivery.

“In embracing this collective commitment to the Southern Eyre Peninsula’s well-being, the City of Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Council, and the District Council of Tumby Bay look forward to the ongoing implementation of the Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan. Together, we envision a healthier, thriving Southern Eyre Peninsula region,” said Mayors Diana Mislov, Jo-Anne Quigley and Geoff Churchett.

The Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan 2023-2028 is available on the Councils’ respective websites or read the plan via www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au/plansandstrategies. Hard copies are also available at offices and libraries of the City of Port Lincoln, Lower Eyre Council and District Council of Tumby Bay.

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