

OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER?

We have 108,000 residents from over 100 different cultures; approximately 37,000 people working within the City of Charles Sturt and countless visitors from other parts of Adelaide comprising our community. Our schools, sporting clubs, recreation groups and community volunteers create a social fabric that strengthens our community.

The input on our Community Plan and early discussions on this Living Green Plan show that our community is concerned about environmental issues. However community well-being and local economic development are issues which are also raised in the context of environmental management.

Some issues already raised

- Access and use of public transport and cycling across the region needs improvement.
- Interest in seeing food crops within public reserves as well as more community gardens.
- More appropriate support needed for existing and new community groups.
- Many issues of importance (or frustration) to the community are not within Council's ability to directly influence i.e. public transport, the Development Act.
- The community is changing with major medium-high density developments i.e. St Clair, Woodville West, Cheltenham and AAMI Stadium.

Things we could do

- Foster community based advocacy groups to lobby the State and Federal governments on issues of community importance.
- Create and promote great walking and cycling destinations e.g. Henley, Grange, Linear Park, Queen St, St Clair.
- Become more flexible and supportive in working with new and existing community groups.
- Support formal and informal community gardening practices with the aim to increase food crop and biodiversity sites.
- Aim to create a better local economy by promoting & supporting existing & new businesses with an environmental focus.
- Use mobile technologies & apps to better work with our community i.e. identifying illegal dumping or weed infestation.

What other issues or actions should we be aware of?
What else would you like to see happening?

