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Eastern Region Alliance - Daily Moves Program Team - Daily Moves Program

Daily Moves is a supportive physical activity program for adults aged 65 years and above living in the six Eastern Regional Alliance (ERA) councils, Cities of Burnside, Campbelltown, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Unley and the Town of Walkerville. Participants are supported to meet the national daily guideline of thirty minutes of movement, by encouraging behaviour change and lasting connections with local fitness providers. The program commenced in September 2019, is funded by Sport Australia and is being evaluated by the University of South Australia.

The program includes fitness assessments; one-on-one physical activity guidance; come and try events; referrals and linkages; exercise and health education videos and webinars; and ongoing coaching. The baseline and follow up fitness assessments are integral; they guide the level of support provided to each participant and provide a goal setting timeframe. They also provide objective measures of balance, functional capacity, aerobic capacity and strength.

The program has seen remarkable results, with 60% of participants increasing their physical activity levels, 53% improving on four or more measures, and 90% improving on at least two measures. The program has been described by SA Health and the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing as a 'gold standard' physical activity program and was awarded the 2020 Future of Ageing national award for Community Engagement.

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Kangaroo Island Secondment Team - Inter Council Secondment Initiative

Kangaroo Island Council is staffed by a small, dedicated workforce, all living on the island. Like other regional authorities, Kangaroo Island finds it challenging to attract and retain staff, within a community that is either farming, servicing visitors, enjoying retirement or travelling between island and mainland.

In 2019 Kangaroo Island experienced one of its worst natural disasters. With a small, dedicated team, the Council stood with its community, ensuring that services were delivered and pivoted to resource new requirements as they emerged. It was this demand that led to the Council's Executive Team reaching out to the Local Government sector for support. Outside of the bushfire response, this included a small number of technical staff who answered the call. Covering frontline service, finance, governance and operations, staff from District Council of Yankalilla, City of West Torrens, City of Prospect and City of Burnside responded, spending between weeks to several months relocated and working with the Kangaroo Island team.

Alongside the development and growth of all those involved, the injection of externally sourced, experienced and skilled professionals brought with it fresh perspectives, resulting in business improvements, strengthened systems, policy and processes and realisation of external funding opportunities and partnerships.

This initiative represents a true demonstration of how the Local Government sector can support each other to grow resilience and opportunity from within.

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Northern Sport and Recreation Network - Northern Sport and Recreation Network Alliance

The Northern Sport and Recreation Network Alliance is a working group of six Councils whose intention is to provide support to sporting and community organisations in the north. The Alliance made up of Cities of Salisbury, Playford, Tea Tree Gully, Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield, and Town of Gawler, works on guiding principles around the provision of timely support to sporting and community clubs. This includes delivery of relevant training and workshops to encourage upskilling and club viability; development of partnerships with key stakeholders to respond to identified needs; and provision of a platform to grow participation in sport in the north.

In 2020, the Alliance supported clubs with a consistent approach and messaging throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, collaborated on projects such as an online webinar series 'Community Sport: How to go from Surviving to Thriving', mental health and wellbeing in sport discussion 'Changing the Game' supported by the Australian Drug Foundation, and participation in programs which align with the State Government's 'Game On' initiative. The Alliance gained visibility in the northern region, as well as a ratified approach to communication with State Sporting Bodies to champion local clubs.

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South Australian Public Libraries Network - Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

All Council-run SA Public Libraries proved their exceptional ability to connect to their communities by adapting and continuing to support local community members during the pandemic. This was achieved by working together as a network, supported by Public Library Services (*a business unit of the Libraries Board of SA providing operating support to public libraries in SA) and the Local Government Association of SA.

Covid-19 resulted in unanticipated demand from the community and new customers who recognised the capability, resourcefulness and connection that Council offered. Despite the lack of face to face service delivery from early March 2020, the SA Public Libraries Network quickly and efficiently moved to alternative service models. This improved and expanded library offerings, introducing broader online access and ensuring continuation of services that had previously been somewhat undervalued.

Alternative service models saw the successful implementation of new COVID- safe service delivery options, as well as changes and expansion of digital and program access, community information and social connection. The capacity of the SA Public Libraries Network to adapt service delivery highlights the benefits of a highly connected network and staff across the South Australian Local Government sector.

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