

Community Leadership Component

The first year action plan committed to providing opportunities that could increase knowledge and understanding of events and issues across both local and global contexts.

What has Council done?

- Sponsored a civic and human rights themed theatre production at Gasworks Theatre ("Haneef The Interrogation" February/March)
- Established a program of public policy related community forums
 - International Women's Day forum with speakers celebrating the contribution of local women's community and political activism (March)
 - Student leadership development forums (May)
 - World Environment Day forum with speakers on a range of environmental sustainability topics (June)
- Restructured the Volunteer Register to make it easier to navigate volunteer positions.
- Responded to a recommendation from the Older Persons Consultative Committee to establish a Seniors' Register (now named Linking Neighbours Seniors' Register)
- Continued annual Civic Awards program
- Established an Interfaith Network

The Community Plan celebrates and supports the important contribution that active citizenship can bring to the quality and fabric of community life in Port Phillip. The Community Leadership component aims to support the multiple capacities and ways people can learn about and contribute to their community.

Active citizens and community networks help build an understanding of what sits behind many policy debates – for example, competing interests, political pressures, equity and social justice concerns, and the competition for access to a limited pool of public funding.

Working Together

- A partnership between Council and the State Government (Department Human Services, Department Planning and Community Development) to establish a 3-year St Kilda/East St Kilda Social Inclusion Project. The project aims to increase the opportunities for the most disadvantaged residents of St Kilda, including civics and decision making in service planning.
- Three 'Have Your Say' forums hosted by Council in conjunction with the 'Council on the Ageing Victoria'.

Role of other community organisations

Many community based organisations provide opportunities for people to participate, take action, and contribute their talents and resources. Organisations such as the University Third Age; Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services; Sacred Heart Mission; toy libraries, sporting clubs, faith based organisations, school Boards of Management, all play a role in supporting and fostering community leaders.

What indicators track our progress?

Indicator	Result	Data Source	Explanation
Average number of attendees at Community Leadership Forums	121	Council Data	Includes International Women's Day and World Environment Day
Average participant satisfaction at Community Leadership Forums	67% very satisfied 15% moderately satisfied		Includes International Women's Day and World Environment Day Average sample size is 49 via online survey post-event.

