



Improving the health and wellbeing of the inner south east community,
through working in partnerships,
with a commitment to equity and inclusion.



*Working together
for healthy
communities*



About Us

ISEPICH is a Primary Care Partnership (PCP) of over 50 primary health and community service organisations located in inner south east Melbourne.

Formed in 2000 the Partnership has continued to grow and strengthen. Members work together to improve the health and wellbeing of community members through better co-ordination, planning and delivery of health and support services, and health promotion that addresses the determinants of health.

ISEPICH is funded through the Victorian Health Department Primary Care Partnership program.

ISEPICH supports the active participation of community members in all its work. ISEPICH also works in close collaboration with local Alliances including ISEMHA – Inner South East Mental Health Alliance, and SEBDA – South East Bayside Diabetes Alliance.

ISEPICH promotes the 'social model of health' recognising the impact of social, economic, cultural and political factors on people's health and wellbeing, as well as medical and biological factors.

ISEPICH is committed to reducing health inequalities in our communities by working with the most disadvantaged and building on the strengths of local communities to encourage inclusiveness, participation and connectedness.

Catchment

The ISEPICH catchment population is about 320,000, across the municipalities of Glen Eira, Port Phillip and Stonnington.

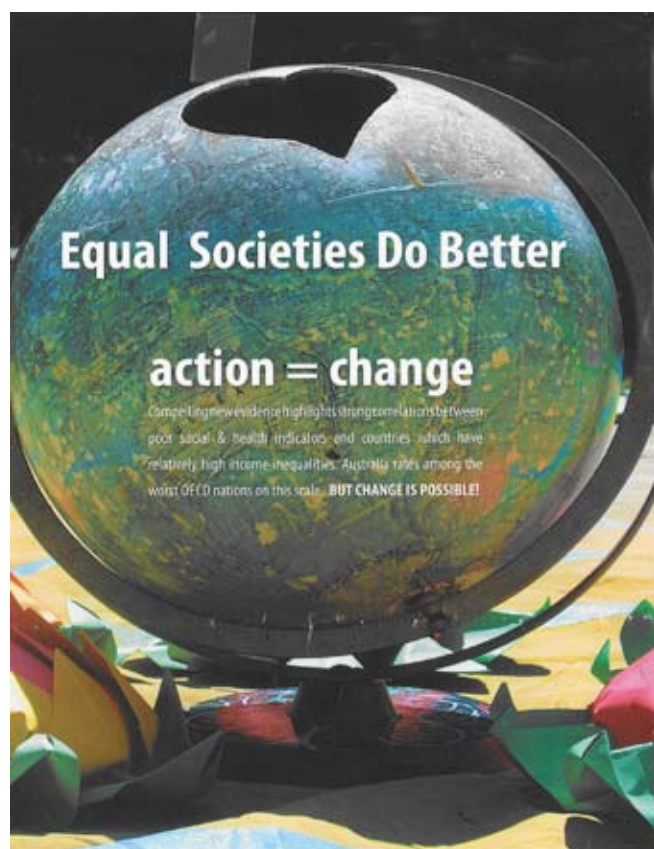
Population density is higher than Melbourne overall, but includes many living alone. More people walk, cycle or use public transport than in most parts of Melbourne.

Rich and poor live in close proximity and the area is rapidly gentrifying. Population health status overall is good, but there are pockets of severely disadvantaged residents, and also transient or homeless people, who often have complex and chronic conditions.

About 20% of the population was born in non-English speaking countries, and this proportion is much higher amongst older residents.

There is a significant Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (GLBTI) population. There is a small resident Aboriginal population and St Kilda is a traditional gathering ground for Aboriginal people.

The area has a strong creative and artistic presence and includes popular beaches, gardens, entertainment and tourism venues.



Strategic Priorities 2009-2012

ISEPICH members are working together to:

Build Inclusive Communities

Increase social inclusion and provide more opportunities for social connection and participation for all. Promote equity and reduce social and health inequalities.

Improve Access to Services

Provide better coordinated, consistent, quality care for consumers, carers and community members. Improve the provision of information to community and service providers while protecting privacy.

Support Sustainable and Affordable Living

Provide more physical activity programs and environments that support physical activity. Increase food security and healthy eating. Advocate for and support affordable and sustainable housing.

Care for people experiencing chronic disease

Provide integrated care for people with diabetes. Improve access to services and care pathways for people living with mental illness. Support more integrated care for people with other chronic conditions.

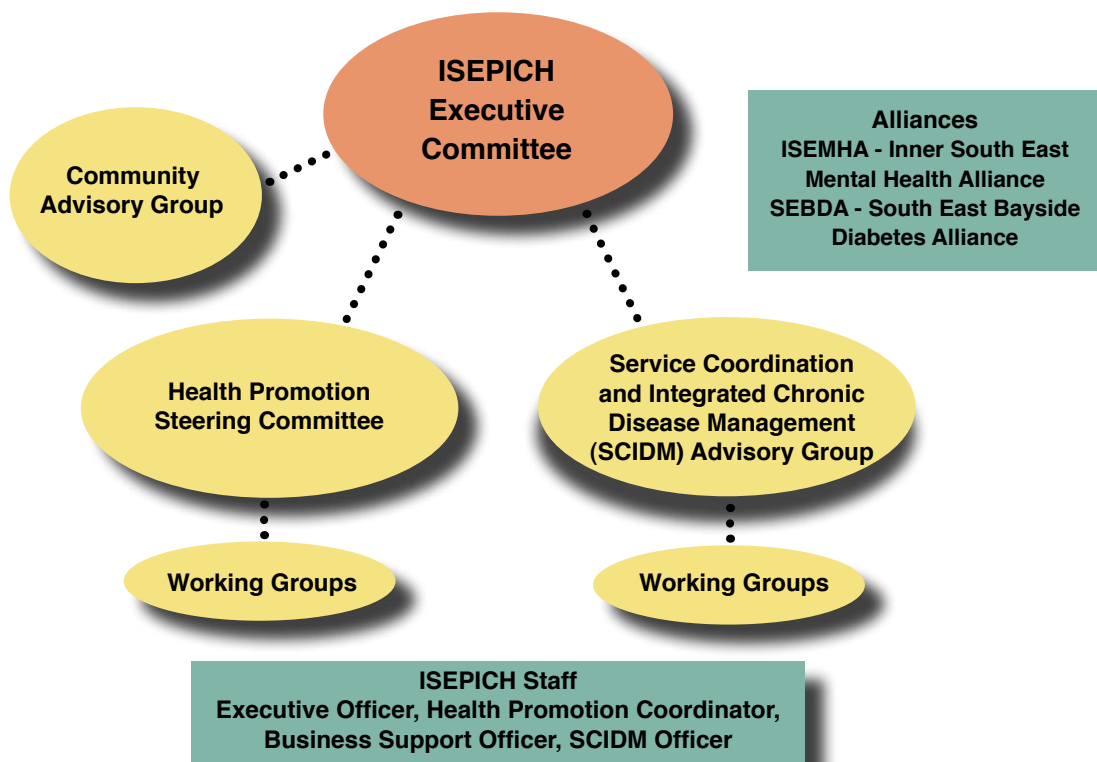
For information go to:

the *ISEPICH Strategic Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2012*

at http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about_isepich.htm

ISEPICH

A Partnership of over 50 Member Organisations



Member Organisations



ISEPICH is governed by an Executive Committee drawn from member organisations and community members. For details see http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about_isepich.htm

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