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OUR PLAN, OUR ACTION REPORT

Along with the update of South Australian Strategic Plan, the Community Engagement Board today released the first of what will be a series of annual action reports.

The Minister Assisting the Premier with SA's Strategic Plan, Tom Kenyon said the report detailed the work being carried out by government, business and non-government organisations to achieve the Plan's goals and targets.

"The board's main role has been to oversee the wide consultation process on the updated 2011 plan," Mr Kenyon said.

"This has involved listening to more than 9200 people across the state in face-to-face and online consultations.

"The report provides a snapshot of their initiatives, showcasing the very best examples of the work that is occurring in support of South Australia's Strategic Plan and to help make South Australia a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

"The plan provides a foundation for forming partnerships between government, community and business.

"It's about taking shared responsibility for achieving our aspirations, and I am delighted to know that this publication represents a detailed snapshot of quite a substantial amount of work going on in our community."

The Community Engagement Board assessed the initiatives against four key criteria:

- The extent to which the initiative supports achievement of target/s in South Australia's Strategic Plan;
- The extent to which partnerships are key to the success of the initiative;
- The level of community engagement and consultation that has helped the development or implementation of the initiative; and
- Innovation or creativity demonstrated through the initiative.

The Board's chair, Mr Peter Blacker said about half of the 23 initiatives included in the report had come from non-government organisations who were members of South Australia's Strategic Plan's Alliance program.

“This member program encourages organisations to actively work toward the success of one or more identified targets, and so far 70 businesses and non-government organisations have become members,” Mr Blacker said.

“The program is a valuable way of bringing the plan into the community and making it real.

“I commend those organisations that have already signed up to support the plan and its targets and would encourage others to also join.”

The action report can be downloaded from www.saplan.org.au