

City of Port Adelaide Enfield, South Australia

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History of the Council

City of PAE began as two separate cities, the City of Port Adelaide, and the City of Enfield, each with their own diverse history.

Port Adelaide is an historic area that was formed parallel with the City of Adelaide and was central to the colonisation of South Australia. Port Adelaide has traditionally been the gateway for settlement, trade, shipping, commerce and (until the 1960s) immigration in the State. Port Adelaide's old colonial buildings near the wharves still remain and have been declared a State Heritage area.

In 1853 the area we now know as Enfield was part of the District Council of Yatala, and included areas of Walkerville, Prospect and Klemzig. The City of Enfield was formed in 1864. Until the 1940s Enfield was predominantly an agricultural area, with the fertile country along the River Torrens and wheat and grain fields in its northern reaches. The area includes Klemzig, where German immigrants fleeing persecution in Prussia established a village in 1838, Sunnybrae Farm which was the site of the first waterborne sewerage system in Australia and the South Australian landing site of Sir Ross and Keith Smith.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield was established on 26 March 1996, when the two cities amalgamated. Our Council is established to provide governance and management of our area at the local level.

The City is located in the north-western suburbs of Adelaide, about eight kilometres from the CBD. It is bounded by the Cities of Salisbury in the north, Tea Tree Gully and Campbelltown in the east, Walkerville, Prospect and Charles Sturt in the South and the Gulf of St Vincent in the west.

The City of PAE is one of the largest Councils in metropolitan Adelaide, covering an area of about 97 square kilometres. The city is divided into seven wards that span across 51 suburbs.

Our city is home to some of the State's finest historical buildings and landmarks, together with a wealth of parks, cultural facilities beaches and recreational areas.

Council Demographics

At the 2016 Census the City of Port Adelaide had a population of 121,230 people. The population has grown by 7.5% since the 2011 Census.

Some key statistics from the 2016 Census:

Median age = 37 years

Persons born overseas = 33.3%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons = 2.3%

Median weekly individual income = \$551

Median weekly household income = \$1,141

Other statistics:

University attendance – 5%

University qualification – 20%

Trade qualification – 18%

Language at home other than English – 32%

SEIFA Index of Disadvantage for City of Port Adelaide Enfield in 2016 was 936.

City of PAE Community Profile

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Key statistics 2020:

Population – 129,530

Land area – 94.12 square kilometres

Population density – 1,376 persons per square kilometre

Economic Profile

City of Port Adelaide Enfield's Gross Regional Product is estimated at \$9.71 billion, which represents 8.77% of the state's GSP (Gross State Product).

Key statistics 2020:

GRP – \$9.71 billion

Population 2020 – 129,530

Local jobs 2020 – 81,680

Largest industry by employment – Manufacturing

Local businesses – 9, 803

Employed residents – 59,390

An analysis of the jobs held by the full-time equivalent local workers in City of Port Adelaide Enfield in 2019/20 shows the three largest industries were:

Manufacturing (14,450 people or 20.9%)

Construction (8,889 people or 12.9%)

Transport, Postal and Warehousing (8,050 people or 11.7%)

In combination these three fields accounted for 31,389 people in total or 45.5% of the local workers.

Our region is at the heart of South Australia's shipbuilding precinct which will see contracts in excess of \$85 billion negotiated and driving shipbuilding related jobs into the region. These contracts will see the creation of up to 5,200 direct jobs and significant flow on jobs in the supply chain.

We seek to ensure that strong and effective linkages exist between the community, education and training providers and local employers.

Key Challenges

External Opportunities and Challenges – from Annual Business Plan 21/22

Challenges faced across the City include the impact of COVID-19 on business and tourism, high housing demand, slowing immigration and lack of international students.

Climate Change

The impacts of climate change continue to be evident in PAE, with increased risks associated with flooding coastal erosion and inundation and urban heat. Adapting to climate change and building resilience continues to be a priority for Council.

Council is committed to taking a leadership role in ensuring decision making is based on sound evidence and the relevant stakeholders are part of this process. This ABPB includes a significant investment in sustainability and climate adaptation.

Waste Management

Councils have significant service responsibilities with regard to waste management. The PAE community have increasingly provided feedback to Council about the desire for greater education and innovations in waste management.

The opportunity to manage community waste as an asset for the community is significant. PAE is working with Charles Sturt Council to implement a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to support communities to take back control of community recyclables and seek to stimulate the circular economy.

Technology and Data

Technology investment in public infrastructure and access to data will support transformation of smart cities, connectivity of communities, improve environmental outcomes and inform asset planning and management.

There is also the increased interest and need for better use of data. We are yet to realise the full potential of data to better understand our community, plan services, manage our assets, measure performance, and accelerate innovation.

Council is investing in data analytics and ICT to ensure we take full advantage of these opportunities to better serve our community.

Challenges for learning in recent times is enabling learners to feel safe to return to face to face learning, as language and digital skills are significant barriers to informal and formal learning. Some sessions have been offered as socially distanced classes rather than intimate one-to-one teaching programs.

Several pockets of the City have very low take up of technology, with some areas under 50% of households connected to the Internet. NBN providers have partnered with PAE Libraries to host information sessions about connecting to broadband services with minimal impact.

Formal and Non-formal Learning Infrastructure of the City

Non-formal

5 City of PAE Library Branches
Mens' Sheds
Playgroups
2 Community Centres
University of Third Age
Port Environment Centre

Formal

Many preschools, kindergartens, and childcare centres, mix of private, and public.
21 Primary Schools, 9 High Schools, 2 K-12 Schools
One Special School (students with disability, high needs)
Some High schools link to vocational training and provide flexible learning options.

TAFE /Colleges

- Tauondi Aboriginal College
- Regency TAFE
- Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy

There are no university campuses in the City, the nearest is Mawson Lakes campus of University of SA, only a few kilometres over the Council boundary to the North.

Learning city developments

City of PAE Libraries have a Community Learning team to deliver a range of learning opportunities for families, parents, school students, adults. The vision for the library is PAE Libraries are innovative and responsive community facilities that collaborate with locals to provide services that foster growth and improve the lives of individuals and the broader community.

Programs aim to improve Literacy, Prosperity, Vibrancy, Wellbeing and Civic Participation. Library programs range from Baby Bounce, Toddler Time, Storytime and Active Storytime, after school sessions in craft and sustainability, coding, Anime club, Yarnfullness. Book clubs, Scrabble and Gardening clubs also keep residents active and connected. There are two STEM specialist staff, one Makerspace and a Media Room. STEM programs include science and maths for preschoolers, after school guided projects in STEM Squad, a Repair Café, Internet of Things interest group, Arduino, woodwork, electronics.

The Library also has several Digital learning specialists and deliver a range of small group sessions and classes to support the community with access and skills to engage with their phones, devices, computers and online services. More advanced sessions include podcasting, coding, 3D printing and modelling.

Libraries partner with waste education and other facilitators to engage with the community on reducing waste and living more sustainably.

Libraries provide free support to job seekers including a resume advice service, courses on written job applications and interview skills. The Makerspace held a 12-month program in 2021 to teach creative skills and also how to run a market stall, and then held a beginner's market at the end of the year. Entrepreneur courses to help start your own business are also offered. The Adelaide Business Hub, based in Port Adelaide and supported by Council, offers co-working space and many courses and advice services to local businesses.

City of PAE deliver a range of support programs for youth with particular focus on Learning and Earning. The Health and Wellbeing team promote the 7 Ways to Wellbeing, includes learning.

Council also supports the Port Environment Centre, for individuals and families to learn and actively care for our environment.

Volunteers have been trained in citizen science, working with Council to support data gathering on bird populations.

Community Centres are also active in support community learning with English language classes, dance, martial arts, yoga, music, arts, and crafts.

Key activities in the learning city field

Late in 2021 an observational honey bee hive was installed at one of the Libraries. This has been a journey of learning itself, and sits within a program of community education about Pollinators. <https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/explore/libraries/programs-and-events/pollinators>

City of PAE is also a partner in the Northern Regional Consortium Employment Pathways Project with City of Salisbury and City of Playford to deliver shared Adult Community Education for jobseekers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

<https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/explore/libraries/programs-and-events/build-your-skills-adult-education-programs>

Council have partnered with Writers SA to develop a Living Landscape Writers Festival in April 2022. <https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/explore/events/writers-festival>

Loanable Devices

A COVID-Recovery project in 2021 was to purchase a fleet of devices (tablets) that could be loaned to community members who could not afford their own technology.

Adult Literacy Class

Mid 2021 a small group class commenced at Port Adelaide Library for adults with low literacy, and English as first language. This has filled a gap in learning opportunities in the region.

Key priorities for future development

Aims for 2022 are to progress plans for an Aboriginal Cultural Centre, and offer more regular learning opportunities for our local aboriginal community.

City of PAE also has a focus on improving the evaluation and outcomes measurement of learning programs offered.

We are working to improve technology offered in community facilities to address the lack of access in private homes. This can support telehealth, small business, co-working and students.

Broadening our Makerspace offering to more than one site is also a goal, as is promoting the value of reading to our community, to create a city of readers.