

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Update Report**

- The Forum has previously been advised of the Local Government Association's Project 'Making the Connections', which is intended to encourage a closer alignment of the Strategic Plans of State and Local Government, in accordance with Target number 5.7 of SA's Strategic Plan.
- 'Making the Connections' has now completed the development of matrices for all of the six regional groups of Councils in SA, to compare the targets and objectives of South Australia's Strategic Plan with the strategic goals of Local Government, both at a sector and regional level.
- The Project Officer has also taken the opportunity to liaise with a number of Regional LGA's and individual Councils, to encourage careful consideration of the Targets of the SA Strategic Plan, when drafting Local Government Strategic Plans.
- In addition, a three month pilot project has commenced in Northern Metropolitan Adelaide, to identify and prioritise the Strategic Projects and Programs of the State Government and the Salisbury, Gawler, and Playford Councils. This project is jointly funded by the Office of Local Government, Department for Premier and Cabinet, Local Government Association, and the three Councils, and is managed by the Office of the North.
- The work completed in association with 'Making the Connections' has indicated that there is close alignment of the Plans of State and Local Government in a number of key areas, but that further work is needed by both spheres of government on this issue.
- The results of the project to date will now be considered by Local Government Regions and the LGA State Executive, before a formal recommendation is made to the Ministers Local Government Forum.