



## **Media Release**

### **Community Engagement Forum – Dublin Institute**

**Monday 15 April 2019**

Adelaide Plains Council held its first Community Engagement Forum at the Dublin Institute on Monday 15 April 2019.

The forum was well attended, with in excess of 40 people present, including community members, Council Members and Council staff. *"The fact that the hall was close to full indicated that residents wanted to hear information from Council and also raise items of concern that affect their daily lives,"* noted Mayor Wasley.

Council's initiative, to hold three (3) Community Engagement Forums per year across the region, is intended to provide an opportunity for accurate information dissemination to the community, and for residents and ratepayers to provide feedback on Council-related issues, trends and concerns affecting the community.

Feedback has been constructive, with the following common themes emerging by way of verbal and written submissions from the community:-

- Infrastructure delivery;
- Open space management;
- Horse management;
- The built environment; and
- Community consultation.

It is Council's priority to respond to all submissions made via the forum. Council will consider all submissions and, where necessary, action accordingly. In accordance with the *Community Engagement Strategy* (available on Council's website [www.apc.sa.gov.au](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au)), a report in relation to the forum will be presented to the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

Reflecting on the forum, Mayor Wasley said, *"This appears to have been a successful initiative by Council, to engage in a more direct way with residents. Through open discussion, and community members having the opportunity to give written information on the night I believe a more effective pathway of communication has been found. The newly elected Council will continue to look at better ways to engage with the wider community. I look forward to the next forum to be held in Two Wells."*

Council is committed to working with the community; we value all feedback.

James Miller  
**Chief Executive Officer**