

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1 July – 31 December 2024

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Community Participation Activities

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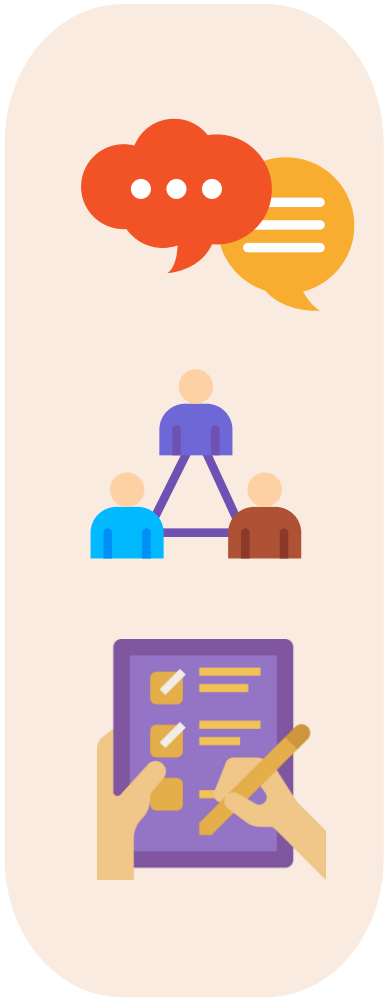
Participation Activities

152

Participants

Reasons for engagement

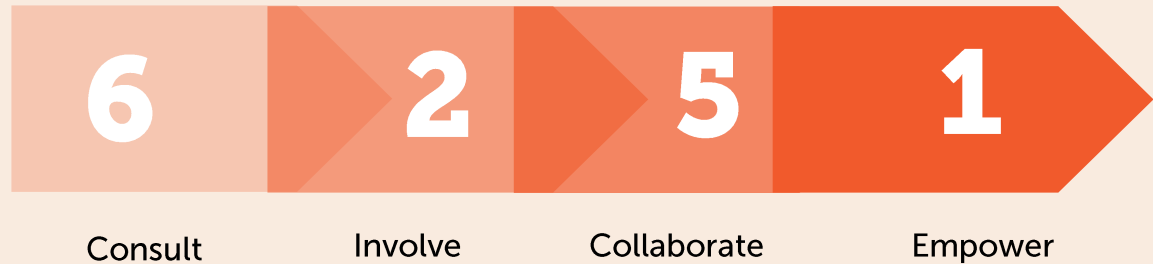
- To understand the health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in our region.
- To understand barriers to accessing health care and the effects of social exclusion on the health and wellbeing of South Sudanese youth living in our region.
- To get input into the development of a promotional [video](#) about People Bank.
- To understand how we might improve our [Access and Equity Framework](#).
- To seek guidance and governance for our family violence and eating disorder projects.
- To identify opportunities to [improve People Bank processes](#).
- To provide governance and advice to our board and executives on how we might progress certain activities.



Achievements

- Partnered with Melton City Council to engage with South Sudanese youth as part of our Health Needs Assessment
- Partnered with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS) to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for the Health Needs Assessment.
- Embedded community participation into our refreshed commissioning process (an internal process we go through to determine what services/activities to fund).
- Formed an internal facilitation group for staff to build their confidence with facilitating meetings and events with community. We have had 2 sessions within this period.
- Developed new tools/resources to support staff with partnering with community participants.
- Commenced a refreshed community participation induction program for new staff.
- The [Community Council](#) met in September and November 2024.

Levels of participation



The level of influence community participants had on decision-making for these activities. See [IAP2 spectrum of participation](#) for more information.

My Health My Voice newsletter subscribers

2 editions sent [August](#) and [November](#)

253
Total

62
New

People Bank members

225
Total

10
New

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Spotlight



In August 2024 we partnered with Melton City Council to engage with South Sudanese youth as part of our Health Needs Assessment. Twenty-six young people aged 11-18 years attended a group discussion to tell us the barriers they experience to accessing health care and the effects of social exclusion on their health and wellbeing. This will be published in the coming months.

Planned Community Participation Activities



In the next 6 months: January – June 2025

- Providing training to staff, People Bank members and community participants who are part of governance groups to build their skills and confidence working together.
- Building relationships with local government to enhance connection with communities in our region.
- Conducting a social media campaign to increase subscriptions to the My Health, My Voice newsletter and registrations to People Bank.
- Trialling our refreshed commissioning process with one of the teams.

Community Participation Plan – A snapshot



Our Vision:
Healthy people and a
healthy community

Our Goals

- Building meaningful relationships and trust with our communities.
- Ensuring our programs and services, shaped by our communities, are safe, accessible and sustainable.

Visit our website to read more about the [Community Participation Plan](#)

Our Principles

