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PUBLIC HEALTH PLACEMENT HANDBOOK 2024

FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

PUB HLTH 7079 - MPH Professional Practice Placement

HLTH SC 3014: Work-Integrated Learning (Public Health Internship)

Third Year Work Integrated Learning (Public Health) internships

Masters of Public Health Professional Practice Placement

The Public Health placement courses provide the opportunity to combine workplace experience in public health settings with academic study. During the course, students complete a substantial project that involves the application of public health skills and knowledge to a work environment. Students are allocated placements from a range of offerings which include government and non-government agencies.

This guide describes the internship placements related to students in HLTH SC 3014 Work-Integrated Learning (Public Health) and PUB HLTH 7079 MPH Professional Practice Placement.

Some placements may not be available for all semesters and may require police checks, or other special requirements, which must be organised by students in advance of the placement start date, at their own expense.

PLEASE NOTE: Examples of individual projects are indicative only. Specific details of Internship tasks/activities will be finalised in conjunction with the Host Organisation's priorities.

How to apply

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Public Health Placement (MPH & BHMS)

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Military and Emergency Services Health Australia

<https://mesha.org.au/>

Military and Emergency Services Health Australia (MESHA) is part of The Hospital Research Foundation Group. Our Purpose is to optimise the health, wellbeing and functioning of current and former serving Australian military members, emergency service personnel and their families through the delivery and support of culturally and industry informed research and support services.

Location of Placement: Military and Emergency Services Health Australia, co-located with the Jamie Larcombe Centre, Car Park 3, Eucalyptus Road, Glenside, 5065.

Summary of Activity/Tasks:

Internships/Placements will be co-ordinated by MESHA senior research officer Dr Henry Bowen. Students will work collaboratively with each other and MESHA staff to contribute to new and ongoing activities to support veterans, emergency service personnel and their families. Key tasks/roles will be varied across a number of projects. Ideally, students will work with the placement supervisor to structure the placement hours around projects that most interest the student themselves, and around the priority areas of the research institute.

Examples of the projects which students have contributed to developing are detailed below. This is by no means a comprehensive list, and we encourage students to consider their own interest areas and future career pathways when we set the plan for their internship/placement activities:

1. An evaluation of the impact the Jamie Larcombe Centre Arts Practice program on military veterans
2. Evaluating the impact of an Arts Psychotherapy program on the children and partners of military and emergency services personnel with PTSD
3. Validating a self-report measure of Human Durability in a general population
4. Event development: Bouldering (indoor rock climbing) for firefighters and their families
5. A longitudinal study of mental health outcomes in children exposed to the Ash Wednesday Bushfires: a 38-year follow-up.
6. Childhood burns vs. childhood bushfire exposure: an investigation of the long-term health impacts.
7. Development of a Disaster Relief Australia toolkit.
8. Development of a National Framework for Peers and Family of those Bereaved by Service Suicide.
9. Development of resources for retired firefighters in SA Metropolitan Fire Service.

SONDER

<http://sonder.net.au/about-us/>

Sonder delivers a range of integrated community health services including mental health counselling, addiction services, employment support and Aboriginal health. Sonder is one of the leading and largest providers of high quality, mental health services available to the community and they deliver clinical services across the age range and complexity of mental health concerns. As a not-for profit primary health care service, Sonder delivers a range of services throughout South Australia. Sonder is the lead agency for headspace Edinburgh North, headspace Onkaparinga and headspace Adelaide Primary programs. It acts as a one-stop-shop for young people who need help with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drugs or work and study support. The program supports young people in every aspect of their lives, including education, employment and relationships.

Location of Placement: various locations across metropolitan Adelaide

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Exploration of the Physical Activity and Community Engagement program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults.
2. Development of a Client Management System audit tool.
3. Mentoring program for youth and integration with primary mental health services – developing an evidence-informed mentoring model.
4. How can primary mental health care services best demonstrate program effectiveness? An evaluation of methods in a primary health care model.
5. Understanding, evaluating, and improving the delivery of Patient Reported Experiences Measures in an Integrated Community Health Service.
6. A number of evaluation projects in progress at various stages. This includes:
 - a. 2 year evaluation report, including data analysis for existing data for the process and outcome evaluation of an In-Home Withdrawal Program delivered by Sonder.
 - b. Development of an evaluation plan, including survey development in consultation with consumers and stakeholders for an upcoming Aboriginal Health focussed event.
 - c. Development of a data collection tool for the collection and monitoring of outcomes within Aboriginal Health service delivery.
 - d. Review and update of program Logic Models across Sonder to ensure that they accurately reflect current program design, service delivery and program objectives.
7. Evaluation of a community event (CTG Day) to promote health and wellbeing among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders delivered through a primary health care provider (Aboriginal Health).

Southern Cross Care

<https://www.southerncrosscare.com.au/>

Southern Cross Care was established as a not-for-profit organisation to provide retirement and aged care services throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory. Their focus has always been on helping people to age healthily, maintain independence, stay informed, and keep people connected with family and friends. Southern Cross Care core values are: care, communication, creativity and teamwork and these are the guiding principles that shape how they think and what they deliver. Southern Cross Care provides a comprehensive range of health & wellness and at-home services, residential care and retirement living options.

Location of placement: The Pines Health and Wellness Centre, 336 Marion Road, North Plympton (but you may be located at other Southern Cross Care Centres, depending on the task); some activities remote/online.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Qualitative Evaluation of Social Work Experience in residential aged care (including questionnaires and structured interviews).
2. Development of an implementation plan and roll out for the Dance for Parkinson's program across SCC residential aged care homes <https://www.danceforparkinsonsaustralia.org/about-dance-for-parkinsons>
3. To develop a cultural events and health weeks calendar for 2022 including access to information, resources and celebration ideas that residential aged care homes can use to celebrate cultural diversity and inclusion in our homes, for example through shared meals, art, music.
4. Multidisciplinary Recognition program: a "celebrate your staff" initiative to identify the different professions relevant to aged care - interview a professional at SCC & develop a blurb promoting the benefits of the role and the impact on resident health e.g. nurse, exercise physiologist, physiotherapist etc.
5. Creating a choir: work with the wellness and lifestyle teams to create a pilot music /choir project. The choir will ideally be intergenerational and link aged care facilities with schools, and encompass elements of reminiscence.
6. Active Ageing Olympics: With our strong focus on healthy active ageing, SCC are looking for students to plan, organise and implement (over the course of the year, multiple students) an organisation-wide Olympics event! Residents from each site will put forward residents to compete in events.
7. Needs assessment and development of online program for health literacy series for residents living in residential aged care.

Wellbeing SA

www.health.sa.gov.au

Wellbeing SA has a long-term vision to create a balanced health and wellbeing system that supports improved physical, mental and social wellbeing for all South Australians. Using a population health approach, Wellbeing SA will lead community-wide action on the determinants and risk factors of good health and wellbeing and models for care in the community. Wellbeing SA will work across the disease continuum in primary, secondary and tertiary prevention to lead the system change required to support health and wellbeing and embed prevention across the life course. This will mean a significant change from a system that focuses on treating people when they become unwell, to one that is based on promoting wellbeing, preventing ill health and supporting people to maintain wellbeing and lead healthier lives.

Location of placement: Level 8, CitiCentre, 11 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide (with some remote work as negotiable).

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Evaluation of The Food Centre as a Social Supermarket Project – follow up and reporting; one part of Wellbeing SA’s strategy to address food insecurity for South Australians.
2. Improving Nutrition in Prisons Project - In a partnership between Wellbeing SA and the Department for Correctional Services, the project involves analysing and reporting on the pilot site evaluation and designing the subsequent evaluation of the project rollout to other prison sites.
3. Evaluation of the “Healthy Workers across Industry” project: students will contribute to an evaluation of the project, including activities such as interviewing key stakeholders, qualitative data analysis, and report writing.
4. Development of resources on injury epidemiology in partnership with Kidsafe SA – including creation of a series of fact sheets, policy briefs and reports on injury epidemiology.
5. Innovative social marketing strategies to promote cervical screening self-collection processes.
6. Exploration of community-based models for Physical Activity assessment, referral and promotion.
7. Improving nutrition in SA prisons (Evaluation team).

Office of Health Protection & Licensing Services, Department for Health and Wellbeing

The work of SA Health's Health Protection and Licensing Services is targeted at protecting and promoting public health and wellbeing and touches the lives of all South Australians every day. We make an important contribution to the conditions and environments that keep people safe and healthy, enhance quality of life, and significantly reduce the need for treatment and the anguish caused by illness and injury. Importantly, in protecting and promoting public health and wellbeing, we also contribute to the economic wellbeing of South Australia. The Office of Health Protection and Licensing Services provides executive leadership and management of health protection and licensing functions across the state, high level cross service expertise and operational stewardship.

Location of placement: to be confirmed; Level 4 Citi Centre Building, 11 Hindmarsh Square Adelaide SA 5000

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Exploring existing gaps in health sector related climate change research in SA – state of play and where to from here.
2. Local government public health planning sector communication needs assessment survey and implementation - Research, design and implement local government public health planning communications needs assessment for local government/SA Health, and prepare a short report on key findings.

Thomas Foods

<https://thomasfoods.com/>

As a family business, Thomas Foods are driven by strong values. Our commitment to providing the best customer service is only matched by our commitment to consistently high quality products. With strict hygiene and handling standards and a fierce belief in doing things the right way, we don't compromise on quality. But we're also aware of our responsibility to the animals, people and communities that we work with. Safety, animal welfare, and sustainability are all a part of the fabric of the business, and are integrated into everything we do.

Location of placement: Multiple Thomas Food Institute Sites (Rose Park, SA - Corporate Office & Cavan and Lobethal)

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Development of manual handling risk assessment program 'job dictionaries'.
2. Detailed report of anatomy impacted when performing certain tasks in manual handling aspects of meat processing work.
3. Manual handling risk assessment audit.

COTA SA – Council for the Ageing

<https://www.cotasa.org.au/default.aspx>

COTA SA is an older people's movement run by, for and with older people. We represent the aspirations, interests and rights of 633,000 older South Australians and are part of a national federation that began in SA in 1957. We use peer support and co-design methodologies, providing a platform for older people to be the drivers and shapers of the products, programs, services, research and technology that they use. More than 100 volunteers support our work and we are actively involved in well over 200 seniors clubs and networks throughout SA. We work closely with partner organisations such as the Multicultural Communities Council SA, LGBTI Health Alliance, SA Retirement Villages Residents Association and the SA Residential Parks Residents Association to reach the rich and wide diversity of older South Australians. We run an active policy agenda on a wide range of issues including housing, aged care, retirement income, health and well-being, cost of living, age discrimination and employment.

Location of placement: COTA SA, Level 1, 85 Hutt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Meaningful connections program: Understanding interventions for reducing social isolation and loneliness for older people living in regional SA.
2. Seniors on Board program: Increase the confidence of older people to use public transport through a peer education module - assisting in development of a co-design workshop discussion guide; attending workshops and taking notes; and assisting in workshop analysis.

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

<https://www.surgeons.org/research-audit/key-information>

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. RACS supports the ongoing development, maintenance of expertise and lifelong learning that accompanies the surgical practice of more than 7,000 surgeons and 1,300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS promotes, teaches and assesses standards across nine surgical specialties in Australia and New Zealand: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

Location of Placement: North Adelaide

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Analysis and reporting of surgical audits: Breast SurgANZ Quality Audit Data Manager Stakeholder Engagement.
2. Completion of the data collection, analysis and reporting of the organisational audit of hospitals performing emergency laparotomies.
3. A review of RACS stakeholder engagement - a variety of data collection methods including document review, focus groups and interviews with stakeholders and RACS staff to determine how stakeholders perceive the audits within RACS.
4. A review of surgical trainee log books - The RACS Morbidity Audit and Logbook tool (MALT) is a system used to electronically log procedures, conduct self-audit and peer-review audit. Students undertake a content analysis of logbooks and develop recommendations for uses of the data other than current reporting to training boards.
5. Australian and NZ Audit of Surgical Mortality: Analysis between metropolitan and rural hospitals.

Walking SA

www.walkingsa.org.au

Walking SA is the not-for-profit peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia, including walking for recreation, transport, health, wellbeing, organised events, adventure, environmental appreciation and fun experiences. Our vision is to see more people walking more often. Our members include walking clubs, informal groups, individuals and organisations whose aims and objectives align with those of Walking SA.

We provide leadership by:

- Promoting opportunities to improve the health and lifestyle of South Australians through walking.
- Offering expertise, guidance and advocacy for the development and maintenance of safe and supportive walking environments throughout South Australia.

Location of placement: Our office is located at 4/25 Leigh Street, Adelaide.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Walktober event - 'Walktober' is a public health initiative to highlight walking opportunities during the month of October. Key tasks include liaising with councils, walking clubs and other key stakeholders (eg Wellbeing SA, Heart Foundation, ORSR, RAA) to Identify/encourage activities to link to the Walking SA online walking calendar, Share walking resources (eg Heart Foundation Walkability Checklist), Liaise with Walking SA's Communications Coordinator on preparation of social media content, and Support the launch of an Adelaide100 section (during Walktober).

Australian Alliance to End Homelessness

www.aaeh.org.au

The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness (AAEH) is an independent champion for preventing and ending homelessness in Australia. Despite the common misconception to the contrary, the scale of homelessness in Australia is both preventable and solvable. AAEH supports Australian communities to individually and collectively end homelessness. Specifically, we work with local communities at all levels to ensure everyone has access to safe and sustainable housing services and that any incidents of homelessness that do occur are rare, brief and non-recurring. The work of the Alliance is evidence-based. It is informed by global best practice and research available from the most innovative, credible and successful international studies and programs in the most effective ways to end homelessness. Our members include organisations dedicated to identifying, promoting, championing and implementing these evidence-based ideas. We work with practitioners, policymakers, academics, corporate and community leaders to build increased understanding of the complex and interconnected causes of homelessness, the challenges of overcoming it at a personal and community level, and the most effective initiatives, programs and policies for preventing and ultimately ending it in our towns and cities, our states and our country. And from this increased understanding, inspire strategic, evidence-based and socially-just action.

Location of placement: A combination of work at the Australian Alliance to End Homelessness office and working remotely. The Australian Alliance to End Homelessness office WL5-53, Way Lee Building, City West, University of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Progressing the work plan of the Health, Housing and Homelessness Network - Working closely with the AAEH, the placement will focus on strengthening the Health, Housing and Homelessness network. Housing is a key determinant of health and wellbeing and it is imperative that the link between housing and health outcomes are promoted through the health and housing sectors. This placement will include working to build partnerships across health and housing communities and support action to end homelessness.

Kidsafe SA

<https://kidsafesa.com.au/>

Kidsafe was established in 1979 to focus the attention of policy makers and the community at large, on the need for improved child safety messages. Each year more than 150 Australian children die from preventable injuries, while a further 68,000 are hospitalised. This means that more children still die from injury in Australia, than from cancer, asthma and infectious diseases combined. Our organisation has successfully dedicated the past 40 years to reducing the number of injuries to children. However, injury still remains the leading cause of death in children aged 1-14 in Australia.

Kidsafe SA is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to preventing unintentional death and reducing the incidence and severity of injuries to children aged less than 15 years. Our underpinning philosophy is 'Prevention is better than cure'. In the 2018-2019 financial year Kidsafe SA provided services to over 30,000 contacts, educated and trained more than 2,000 parents, carers and staff, and inspected more than 100 playgrounds across South Australia. We provide advice and services in the areas of home, play and road safety.

Location of placement: Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Hilton SA

Summary of Example of Activity/Tasks:

1. Transporting premature babies safety - Research into the perceptions, attitudes and decisions made by parents around transporting their premature babies including creating a survey and collating and analysing data.

South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service

<https://www.mfs.sa.gov.au/home/>

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is the primary provider of structural firefighting services to the State of South Australia. The MFS was established in 1862. The MFS is based in the city of Adelaide, population approximately 1.2 million and capital of South Australia. The MFS is a fully professional organisation, recognised for excellence of service provision and employs more than 1,000 staff across 37 stations (20 metropolitan and 17 regional) in South Australia. In addition to providing 'best practice' emergency services we seek to be an efficient business that represents value to the South Australian Government and community. The MFS has adopted a focus on planning in order to identify and meet community and stakeholder needs. As an organisation the MFS seeks to excel in service, innovation and business efficiencies through effective Corporate Governance. We are proud of our State and the services we provide and therefore seek to demonstrate leadership, prominence and confidently promote our State's services.

Location of placement: Wakefield St, Adelaide SA

Summary of Activity/Tasks examples:

1. Emergency Plans Database – update and make more user-friendly a database for ongoing input of data for emergency response planning.
2. Hazardous Materials Circulars update – review and update the 300 Hazardous Materials Circulars.
3. Collation of incidents and lessons learnt in alternative energies such as BESS (Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard) and Hydrogen; Review of research into alternative energies (BESS and Hydrogen).
4. Monthly AIIRS data analysis for Emergency Incident Reporting – Analysis of the monthly AIIRS data against MFS averages are identified. Extrapolate data so “out the door time”, “the number of calls per resource” & ‘ total response time” etc. to identify future station locations and future planning.
5. Operations report dashboard – Review of critical data and all associated reporting templates required in the operations report and development of an appropriate dashboard. Key drivers to deliver user-friendly, modern and relevant reports, including providing an ability to interface with other common and multiple databases.
6. Renewable Energies public safety – emergency incident database for lithium-ion batteries associated with e-scooters and briefing to the Minister for legislative changes.



BetterStart

<https://health.adelaide.edu.au/betterstart/>

The BetterStart Child Health and Development Research Group at The University of Adelaide aims to understand how to ensure children have the best start to life. BetterStart is led by Professor John Lynch, an internationally recognised scholar in epidemiology and public health. The interdisciplinary team have backgrounds in epidemiology, public health, nutrition, paediatrics, biostatistics and psychology.

We use a range of data sources to investigate research questions related to child and family health and wellbeing, including the Better Evidence Better Outcomes Linked Data (BEBOLD) platform. BEBOLD holds linked de-identified administrative data for over 450,000 South Australian children born from 1991 onwards, and their parents and carers. It is an ongoing sustainable platform with data custodians contributing information spanning health, education, welfare and social services, including child protection.

We collaborate closely with government partners who share our vision for providing better evidence to inform policy, program and practice decisions that improve outcomes for all children, and for disadvantaged children in particular. The following internship projects with BetterStart built skills in epidemiology, hands-on data management, analysis using statistical software, and interpretation and communication of evidence. Specific projects will be negotiated with students based on capability and skills.

Location of Placement: Level 4, Rundle Mall Plaza, Adelaide.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Creating an Evidence Menu for Nurse-Family Partnerships program.
2. Evidence Quality Assessment - Providing a summary of the evidence for the Incredible Years program.
3. Data analytics activities – Undertake descriptive epidemiological analytics that can involve publically available data (e.g. from Australian Bureau of Statistics, or data.gov.au) or simulated data from the BEBOLD platform.
4. Policy briefs activities - Interpret data analysis results into clear, succinct messages that can be used to inform a particular area of policy and practice such as frequent presenters to hospital or supporting disadvantaged children and families.
5. Childcare's effect on cognitive and socio-emotional adolescent outcomes: a systematic literature review.

SafeWork SA

<https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/about-us>

SafeWork SA administers South Australia's health, safety and workplace relations related legislation, including the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation. It does this by providing information, advice and support as well as compliance and enforcement activities to ensure safe, fair, productive working lives.

The role of our inspectors is to ensure those with a duty under the WHS legislation have fulfilled their obligations to ensure workplaces are safe and that the activities of a workplace do not pose a risk to other person, such as members of public. They do this by performing proactive compliance audits and by responding to incidents that have exposed or caused injury to a person. We have work health and safety advisors to help educate people on their rights and responsibilities as well as health and safety inspectors who investigate workplace incidents.

Location of Placement: Keswick, SA.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Assisting with the analysis of compliance campaign trends and development of educational resources.
2. Industry action plan audits.
3. SafeWork SA has entered into a Public Health Partnership Agreement with SA Health and Return to Work SA (RWTSA), which will leverage the work of a SA Collaboration Group focussed on workplace health and wellbeing. The project is to undertake a legislative review to identify relevant legislation that may influence health and wellbeing in SA.

The Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation, Health Translation SA and School of Public Health

A Centre for Health in All Policies Research Translation based within Health Translation SA, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) and the School of Public Health University of Adelaide has been established to work with policymakers and academics at the international, national and local level to strengthen the capacity for research translation in the fields of multisectoral action such as HiAP, the determinants of health, to the creation of Wellbeing economies and health equity.

Drawing on implementation science theory and practice, the Centre will build system wide capacity for research policy translation in the determinants of health, health equity, wellbeing and public policy and HiAP fields to improve impact on complex health and wellbeing challenges.

[Flagship Programs - Health Translation SA](#)

Placement Location: Level 8 SAHMRI Building, North Terrace with some work being done remotely

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Creating collaborative impact: Establishing the Centre for HiAP Research Translation. The MPH Student supported the establishment of governance structures and the development and implementation of the Survey of Researchers and Policy actors.
2. Creating Collaborative Impact: Evaluating the first Maximising research – policy partnerships Masterclass.
3. Is there an association between greenspace exposure and improved health outcomes? The project was to undertake a narrative literature review to explain the health-promoting effect of exposure to greenspaces, with a particular focus given to the roles of “environmental microbiome” and “bVOCs” as linkage mechanisms.
4. The role of Boundary Spanners in the context of public health policy making: A scoping review.
5. Bridging the Gap: A comprehensive exploration of knowledge translation plans and their impact across diverse sectors.



South Australian Dental Service

SA Dental is South Australia's major public dental provider and has responsibilities across the state. Governance of SA Dental is through the Central Adelaide Local Health Network.

SA Dental provides a range of dental services for all children under 18 years and eligible adults at clinics throughout South Australia. We also work in partnership with the University of Adelaide to educate and train many of the state's dental professionals.

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Public+Content/SA+Health+Internet/Services/Dental+Diagnostic+and+Pharmacy+Services/Dental+Services/SA+Dental+Services>

Location: Roma Mitchell House 136 North Terrace, Adelaide

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. The Lift the Lip program. Research into early childhood caries, causes and prevention and support to implement the program in early childhood settings.

City of Adelaide (Wellbeing team)



www.cityofadelaide.com.au

The City of Adelaide is committed to maintaining a high standard of liveability and vibrancy and invests in a range of initiatives, projects and programs to support health and wellbeing. The City of Adelaide Wellbeing Team has three key focus areas:

1. 18 to 24 year olds

Results of surveys undertaken showed that 18 to 24 year olds living in the city could benefit from targeted opportunities to build their wellbeing and resilience. As a result, the City of Adelaide, in conjunction with strategic partners, has developed several programs to support this age group.

2. Physical activity and nutrition

There is significant research showing the connection between people's level of physical activity, nutritional intake and their personal wellbeing. The City of Adelaide has a range of initiatives to increase physical activity, including special exercise programs for seniors, and free fitness trails and running tracks throughout the city and Park Lands.

3. Meaning and purpose

Research has shown the importance of having a sense of meaning and purpose in people's overall wellbeing. The City of Adelaide continues to work closely with research institutes and thought leaders in this area to identify opportunities for evidence-based, innovative and smart initiatives that enable residents to enhance their sense of meaning and purpose.

Location: 25 Pirie St, Adelaide

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. The Wellbeing Wallet project. This project was an initiative which provided City of Adelaide residents incentives/vouchers to get active, reconnect with family and friends, eat well and appreciate arts and culture. It also gathered self-reported information about level of wellbeing and what the Council could do to improve wellbeing for residents. Internship activities involved survey response data analysis, interpretation and presentation (including qualitative data from survey responses).
2. Evidence Review on international student health initiatives. The City of Adelaide Council has international students as a priority group for intervention for wellbeing improvement. This activity involved researching programs internationally that might be suitable for inclusion in the program. The outcomes included areas such as Nutrition, Sport and Recreation and Community Engagement activities.

Drug and Alcohol Services SA

DASSA is a state-wide health service that provides a range of treatment and support services for people in the community who experience problems with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. They also coordinate a range of research and support programs across public health.

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/service/s/mental+health+and+drug+and+alcohol+services/drug+and+alcohol+services/drug+and+alcohol+services>

Location: 91 Magill Rd, Stepney

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. The Take Home Naloxone Program: Geo-mapping naloxone hotspots and Clean Needle Program sites to prioritise communities most in need.
2. Clean Needle Program: Free sterile water pilot service support.

Australian Refugee Association

The Australian Refugee Association (ARA) provides support and mentoring to newly arrived communities and individuals. Services include financial support, employment support, youth support, social and community engagement.

<https://www.australianrefugee.org/>

Location: various; Main Office Ann St, Salisbury.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. The Young and Strong Youth Mentoring Program: Engagement with high schools to provide guidance, support and resources to struggling youths.
2. Cancer Screening Education: Facilitate cancer screening information workshops (e.g. cervical cancer screening) delivered to multiple CALD groups.

Cancer Council SA

Cancer Council SA is an independent, non-government organisation focussing on cancer prevention through research as well as support and advocacy for those affected by cancer, including their families and the community.

<https://www.cancersa.org.au/>

Location: 202 Greenhill Rd, Eastwood.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Understanding the mis/disinformation and information voids surrounding vaping in South Australia.

South Australian Council of Social Service (SACOSS)

SACOSS is a non-government umbrella organisation active in the community health and social services sector. Their main focus is to undertake research to inform community service practice and advocacy, with key roles in policy development, advice, advocacy, representation and sector development including capacity building.

<https://www.sacoss.org.au/>

Location: 47 King William Rd, Unley.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Update of literature review for the 2021 Poverty Systems Report.

City of Mount Gambier

City of Mount Gambier is a regional Council for the second largest city in South Australia. Mount Gambier is a major service centre for the Limestone Coast (SA & Victoria) and is located approximately 15 kms from the Victorian border in the South East of SA. It has a population of 26,000 people plus those in surrounding areas. It is 436 kms from Adelaide and 441 kms from Melbourne and offers affordable living and a diverse range of industry attracting people to the region.

<https://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/>

Location: Can be remote with some time in office, to be negotiated.

Summary of Example Activity/Tasks:

1. Review relevant literature on what the early indicators are for squalor and hoarding, including a focus on regional perspectives.
2. An analysis of Regional versus City – key services and evidence of outcomes (if available). Identify from relevant literature and Public Health organisations/services nationally (e.g. Councils, community/health service providers), early intervention and prevention programs and services to assist people living in challenging conditions.

Nyrstar Port Pirie in conjunction with Adelaide Exposure Science & Health

Nyrstar Port Pirie (www.nyrstar.com) smelter operation is located on the eastern shore of the Spencer Gulf in South Australia, approximately 200 km north of Adelaide. Port Pirie is one of the world's largest primary lead smelting facilities and the third largest silver producer, which allows it to generate significant economies of scale. After 130 years of continuous operation, it is one of the key regional industries in South Australia and one of the major employers of the Upper Spencer Gulf region. It is an integrated multi-metals recovery plant with the flexibility to process a wide range of lead rich concentrates and smelting industry by-products.

Key facts:

Products: commodity grade lead, zinc fime, copper cathode, silver and gold ore

Production 2018: 160kt lead metal

Employees: ~670

Adelaide Exposure Science & Health (AESH) (www.ua.edu.au/aesh) are leaders in occupational and environmental health practice and research in Australia. AESH offers a diverse range of research, field-based consulting, laboratory, and education and training services to industry, government and the community. AESH is staffed by experienced occupational hygienists, consultants and research staff with wide ranging expertise across scientific disciplines.

Location of Placement: This Placement would have some block time on-site at the Port Pirie refinery, as well as preparatory and support work at the AESH group in Thebarton.

Nyrstar Port Pirie, 11 Ellen St, Port Pirie – One block week (e.g. during mid-semester break, or other suitable time as negotiated) and Adelaide Exposure Science & Health Laboratory, University of Adelaide, 28 Anderson St, Thebarton.

Title of Activity:

Summary of Activity/Tasks:

Noise exposure assessment and audiometric testing of workers at Nyrstar refinery. This project will assist Nyrstar in managing the risks of noise exposure in their refinery by a three stage approach :

1. Undertake onsite Plant Area Noise Assessment using a Sound Level Meter.
2. Undertake personal noise dosimetry.
3. Assist site Medical Doctor and Occupational Health Nurse in undertaking audiometry testing of workers (subject to availability and feasibility).

Support work at the AESH group in Thebarton will include training in noise exposure assessment and interpretation of results.