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# IAP2 Newsletter

## Thousands Join The South Australian Community Panel



By Katherine Anderson Ehrenberg-Bass Institute, who presented at a recent IAP2 education event on Community Panels in South Australia.

Community Panel is a joint initiative of the Ehrenberg-Bass Institute at the University of South Australia, the Local Government Association of South Australia, the City of Tea Tree Gully and the City of Burnside.

Community Panel enables councils to consult with a greater number of stakeholders more frequently and cost efficiently than traditional research and community consultation approaches.

The online environment makes it easy for stakeholders to participate whenever and wherever it suits them.

Community Panel can also be integrated with off-line approaches to ensure the

entire community has the chance to have their say.

There are well over 1,700 Community Panel members across the cities of Tea Tree Gully, Burnside and Unley.

We are also rolling the initiative out to other interested City Councils.

We are keen to involve other community groups and government departments in the project.

Please contact us if you are interested.

More information is available at [www.CommunityPanel.com.au](http://www.CommunityPanel.com.au), [CommunityPanel@MarketingScience.info](mailto:CommunityPanel@MarketingScience.info) or by calling 8302 7249.

Editor's Note: Crispin Butteris from Bang the Table was a co-presenter at the IAP2 event.

## Deadline Looms for Conference

The call for papers for this year's IAP2 Conference is now open, focusing on the following themes:

- Engaging on the tough issues (local, state, national, international level)
- Innovative tools or techniques
- Communicating tough messages
- Advanced practitioner development
- The future of community engagement

We are keen to present a variety of information and learnings, so if you are interested in showcasing your involvement in public participation, we encourage you to submit a paper.

Papers can be emailed to [conference09@iap2.org.au](mailto:conference09@iap2.org.au) until Friday 22 May 2009.

[Click here to download the call for papers and submission template.](#)

## Got a Story Idea?

*If you've got a case study or event, please email your idea and a photo (300 dpi) to Amanda Newbery at [anewbery@bbspr.com.au](mailto:anewbery@bbspr.com.au).*

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