



Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

2018 - 2019 Annual Report

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This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act (2014)* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

This will be the final report I make as Commissioner for Kangaroo Island.

I therefore take this opportunity to thank:

- the Kangaroo Island industry association chairpersons, boards and their executive officers for their support;
- staff and members of the Kangaroo Island Council;
- various businesses and community leaders on the Island;
- staff of the myriad of government agencies and authorities that have worked with my Office;
- progress association members and community groups on the Island,

for their support, guidance and advice during the year and upon the formation and soon to be cessation of the Office and role.

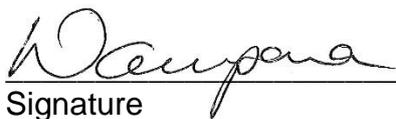
Thanks are also extended to Minister Knoll and Chief of Staff, Sarah Taylor, for their ongoing support and guidance.

I also thank Cate Stanford who was with my Office from the early stages and in the last 9 months in a role with the Department of Environment and Water working on climate change matters.

Finally, special thanks go to Jennifer Trethewey, Officer Manager, for her incredible dedication and support to the work of the Office. Jen was with me in the early stages and established the Office and is now working in a joint capacity with my Office and that of the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment. A special person with incredible skills.

Submitted on behalf of the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI)
by:

Wendy Campana, Commissioner for Kangaroo Island


Signature

30 September 2019

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Executive Summary

Kangaroo Island continues to be in the midst of an economic transition assessed in 2018 to be over \$226 million of planned and approved projects expected on the Island over a period of 3 – 5 years. Some of these projects have been finalised such as the Kangaroo Island Airport and other projects are moving through the State Government decision making process. It has been predicted that these projects are expected to require over 300 new full-time positions in construction phase and over 500 new employees when all projects are completed.

This growth is reflected in Kangaroo Island's recent population statistics which show a growth rate strengthening to 1.6 percent in 2016. This growth rate exceeds the South Australian average of 0.9 percent and is partly attributable to a declining trend in outward migrant departure rates since 2012 - 2013. This is testimony to the opportunity that businesses and the community see in the Island's future.

Tourism visitation to Kangaroo Island has seen a steady growth over recent years; however, experienced a very minor reduction of less than 1% during the FY2018 - 2019 with visitation still over 214,000. This figure does not include the significant increase in day visitation by cruise ship passengers.^[1] Cruise ship visitation is having significant economic impacts on the Island. In 2015 -2016, 9 cruise ships visited the Island which resulted in an estimated \$2 million of direct expenditure on KI. 16 ships visited Kangaroo Island in 2016 - 2017 and 21 in the 2017 - 2018 season. Cruise ship visitation grew to 28 vessels during the 2018 - 19 season and saw approximately 36,000 passengers and crew come ashore. This niche market presents significant benefits for local businesses and the tourism industry. In the 2019 - 2020 season it is anticipated that 24 ships will visit Kangaroo Island with a passenger and crew capacity of at least 53,000 of which historic trends demonstrate that approximately 40,000 would come ashore.

In June 2017, Qantas announced new services to Kangaroo Island with direct flights from Melbourne commencing in December 2017. QantasLink have 3 services, in the off-season, to the Island via Adelaide. During 2018, negotiations occurred for a second year of Qantaslink flights.

This 2018 - 2019 Annual Report reflects the scaling down of the operations of the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island with the following key changes:

- Advisory boards established under the Act (Housing and Economic Growth on Kangaroo Island) have been wound up during this period;
- Building Better Regions Program funding sought for the 2019 - 2020 period with support provided to the industry associations to take a lead role;
- One staff member, Cate Stanford, securing work with the Department for Environment and Water on a contract basis;
- Discussions occurring within DPTI and with the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment regarding a job share arrangement enabling the Office Manager, Jennifer Trethewey to work on a half time basis on secondment.

^[1] Data sourced from the Tourism Optimisation Management Model 2016-2017, provided by Tourism Kangaroo Island. More information available from: www.tourkangarooisland.com.au/tourism-optimisation-management

Infrastructure on Kangaroo Island

The Commissioner has continued to play a key role in assisting developers to navigate the development approval processes with Local and State Government agencies, while also working with the community to ensure adequate access to information on projects and associated consultations.

The Commissioner's website features a page that shows the location of each development, its status in the assessment process and other useful information. OCKI also responds frequently to enquiries from the community about the developments and consultation process.

Development	Investment	Progress 2018 - 2019	Assistance Provided
American River Resort	\$30 million	Major Development - authorised by the Governor on 27 January 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections to key departmental staff • Information regarding government approval processes • Introductions to other developers with common issues/needs.
Bickford's Microbrewery and Distillery	-	Approved for purchase via the unsolicited bid process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions to other developers. • Contact to assess if any support is required.
Deep-water Wharf Smith Bay	\$30 million	Major Development – Declaration on 16 February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted proponents to access information through State Government agencies. • Assisted affected businesses to understand the assessment process and their ability to participate in the consultation / assessment process.
Emu Bay Holiday Village	-	Land development e.g. roads complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with River Gum homes re their element of the project • Updates sought from developer
Kingscote Wharf Precinct	-	Continues to be open for Expressions of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to various community queries and referred interested parties to DPTI
The Cliffs – Kangaroo Island Golf Course Resort	\$35 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Development - authorised by the Governor on 18 February 2016. • A request for variation to the development authorisation was approved by the Minister for Planning in early June 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted developers to investigate options for the provision of security with SA Water. • Provided introductions /connections to key government staff. • Provided introductions to other developers.

Undersea Cable	\$25 million	Cable laid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Energy Security Focus Group in the early stages of the development • Worked with SAPN on consultation with community regarding replacement options earlier in the project's inception • Lodged joint dispute of RIT-D process with KI Council. • Maintained contact with SAPN regarding progress with the project.
Wilderness Trail	\$6 million	Completed and launched in October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated on the government steering committee for the project. • Monitored progress with the project • Early involvement in briefings regarding the accommodation proposals along the trail

In addition to these larger developments a further 30 other “knock on” business expansions or new businesses have emerged in the areas outlined below. The Commissioner has assisted a number of these businesses in their connections with government agencies regarding various approval processes and in promotion and some of these businesses have participated in various workshops and training sessions related to business development.

- Ferry (1)
- Brewery (1)
- Accommodation (8)
- Cellar Doors/Tasting (2)
- Restaurants/Cafes (12)
- Tours (4)
- Function Centre (1)
- Construction related (1)

In 2018 - 2019 OCKI contributed \$285,000 in initiatives that:

- Delivered targeted training / development to local businesses;
- Progressed the preparation of a workforce development plan and Skills Audit for the Island;
- Built the capacity of industry bodies through projects initiated to review financial sustainability and collaboration/merger opportunities;
- Undertook research and consultation on key issues for KI; and
- Promoted Kangaroo Island's unique products and experiences and built media skills of various businesses.

This was matched by \$195,300 in grant and project funding by State, Federal and Local governments.

Kangaroo Island Growth Project

In 2017 - 2018, with the support of the Kangaroo Island Council, a Kangaroo Island Growth Project was developed to take the previous "*Transformation Project*" participants and other interested businesses, to the next phase of development. This program attracted Australian Government Funding of \$155,300, Kangaroo Island Council funding of \$40,000 and OCKI funding of \$103,975. The project was conducted over 18 months and was completed in May 2019. In-kind contributions of \$211,071 bring the total project funding to \$537,324.

Supporting individuals and businesses

- Over the last year the Commissioner met with just under 490 individuals, businesses, government agencies and community groups to assist in accessing government services and programs.
- 269 Businesses and 585 people have participated in consultations / engagement /workshops etc. conducted by OCKI.
- The Commissioner established three Local Advisory Boards under the Act to provide advice to her in relation to native vegetation management, economic growth and housing. The Native Vegetation Management held its final meeting in October 2017, The Economic Growth and Housing both held their final meetings in September 2018.

OCKI continues to receive requests for assistance to address issues with Government from a range of people, including businesses and developers. These requests demonstrate the value being placed on the work of the Office. Examples of the issues that come to my Office are:

- Accessing Crown Land;
- Accessing work health and safety advice from SafeWork;
- Aged care facilities and referrals;
- Association constitutional matters and referrals;
- Business support;
- Construction issues and accessing Government contracts, including processes for accreditation;
- Consumer affairs – role/function and access for complaints;
- Development planning requirements at the State and Local levels and connecting with key agencies;
- Enquiries regarding the Kingscote Wharf from holders of current licenses and rental agreements with DPTI;
- Environmental regulation and licensing issues;
- Ferry service concerns/issues;
- Grants and other support for various industry sectors;
- Health enquiries and assistance;
- Housing assistance;
- Investment attraction opportunities and connecting with relevant State agencies;
- Investor and work visas;
- Liquor licensing information and assistance in connecting with key persons in the relevant agency;
- Signage and marketing of tourism product on the Island;
- Small kill facility;
- Sponsorship approaches and connecting with local businesses;

- Sports and recreation issues and opportunities for funding;
- Understanding the operations of NRM on the Island;
- Vehicle licencing information and assistance in connecting with relevant people/agency.

Major challenges / ongoing work

Identified during 2016 - 2017 and work continued through 2018 - 19 as key issues for the future were supporting housing and workforce development, given the transition KI is undergoing.

The Commissioner has been working on the issue of housing initially with the Local Advisory Board, established under the Act, and through the Management Plan adopted under the Act and now directly with proponents of local projects and with the relevant agencies. During this period, the Commissioner, initiated discussions with agencies, the Kangaroo Island Council and other key groups identified in the Management Plan as having a role/interest in progressing housing projects and associated activities. Specific work has occurred in the following areas:

- Government housing renewal;
- Land options;
- Aged care housing; and
- Affordable housing.

The Commissioner partnered with the Department of State Development and TAFE SA to develop a Workforce Development Plan that seeks to determine the workforce needs associated to KI's growth and the developments. This Plan provides an understanding of the types of workers needed to fill job and skill gaps, and develop solutions for recruitment and retention of employees along with their continued training and professional development. A Workforce Skills Audit was undertaken as part of the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund which has informed the current employment status, skills base, qualifications and potential movement of the current workforce. During this reporting period, information gathered through the projects has informed discussions with agencies and industry associations.

Strategic Plan/Annual Priorities

The Act does not require the adoption of a strategic plan and annual priorities. It has been the practice of the OCKI to prepare a strategic plan and annual priorities to assist in reporting.

The Act requires the annual report to focus on the work of local advisory boards and the adoption of management plans under the Act. This report has focussed on these areas and provides additional information on activities undertaken.

Purpose

OCKI enhances the economic, social and environmental capacity of Kangaroo Island by ensuring Island industry, business, community and developers have access to government services and infrastructure.

Objectives

- To undertake the functions, utilise the provisions and comply with the requirements of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act 2014 (the Act).
- Through active and genuine engagement with the State Government, Kangaroo Island Council, industry groups, local businesses and the community, address issues that impact on the provision of government infrastructure and access to government services on the Island.

The [Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities for 2018/19](http://www.kicommissioner.com.au) can be accessed via www.kicommissioner.com.au.

Legislation administered by the agency

Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act (2014)

“Except where the contrary intention is expressed in this or any other Act, this Act is in addition to and does not limit or derogate from the provisions of any other Act.”

Organisation of the agency

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

- Wendy Campana, Commissioner for Kangaroo Island
- Cate Stanford, Principal Strategy Officer (maternity leave from 24 November 2017 to 2 October 2018) – who has moved on 8 March 2019 to a 12 month contract position with Department of Environment & Water
- Bethany Loates, Acting Principal Strategy Officer (maternity leave placement from 20 November to 5 August 2018)
- Jennifer Trethewey, Office Manager

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister’s area/s of responsibility)

The Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI) is a statutory authority established by the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act. It receives administrative support from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor and OCKI staff are employed by DPTI. OCKI complies with policies adopted by DPTI where appropriate including WHS and financial management procedures.

Please note that some mandatory reporting required for public sector agencies will be captured in DPTI’s Annual Report.

For this reason, these sections have been omitted from this Annual Report. Similarly, financial statements for OCKI will be included in DPTI’s Annual Report.

The Commissioner works with agencies to address issues identified by the Kangaroo Island community regarding the delivery of government services by 'government agencies', which includes State Authorities and an agency or instrumentality of the Crown in right of the Commonwealth.

State Authorities include:

- (a) a person who holds an office established by an Act; or
- (b) an administrative unit; or
- (c) a council; or
- (d) a regional development assessment panel or a council development assessment panel constituted under section 34 or 56A of the Development Act 1993; or
- (e) any incorporated or unincorporated body—
 - (i) established for a public purpose by an Act; or
 - (ii) established for a public purpose under an Act (other than an Act providing for the incorporation of companies or associations, co-operatives, societies or other voluntary organisations); or
 - (iii) established or subject to control or direction by the Governor, a Minister of the Crown or any instrumentality or agency of the Crown or a council (whether or not established by or under an Act or an enactment); or
- (f) a person or body declared by the regulations to be an authority to which this Act applies, but does not include a body or entity excluded from the ambit of this definition by the regulations.

Financial performance of the agency

OCKI concluded the 2018 - 2019 financial year with expenses of \$717,907 and revenue of \$4,789 a budget surplus of \$35,881 on its annual budget of \$749,000.

Full audited financial statements for 2018 - 19 are included in the financial statements of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Under Section 19 of the Act, the Commissioner must report on:

(a) the operations of the Commissioner and any local advisory boards; and

(b) the implementation of the management plans.

Operations of the Commissioner

Building Better Regions Fund:

In September 2017 the Kangaroo Island Council was awarded a grant of \$155,300 from the Australian 'Building Better Regions fund' for the next phase of the Transformation Project. The project proposal was developed in consultation with the Commissioner and funding was also provided to the project. OCKI has assisted with project management and delivery of a number of the projects.

Kangaroo Island Council funding of \$40,000 and OCKI funding of \$103,975. In-kind contributions of \$211,071 brings the total project funding to \$537,324.

This was the primary support project and involved 3 streams as follows:

Stream 1: Increase Local Business Knowledge, Capability and Business Readiness for Growth

- November 2017 Expo where developers, industry associations, key State Government agencies and a small group of businesses experiencing growth were on display. The community and businesses interacted with exhibitors gaining contacts for work opportunities or Government support and information about the status of projects;
- One day business networking held in May 2018;
- Arrangements for individual business development events through connecting with mainland businesses. Arts, poultry, wine, agriculture, and retail are the current key focus; and
- Conduct of an investment seminar in July 2018 to assist participants to identify investment opportunities. 16 businesses participated in the seminar and 7 took advantage of individual coaching sessions.

Stream 2: Collaboration to Drive Effective Growth/Regional Planning

- Industry association collaboration project which aims to align the operations of the various associations that are currently under-resourced and some are duplicating efforts to serve a common membership. This project resulted in the merger on 1 July 2019 of Tourism KI with the KI Food & Wine Association and Business KI with the KI Industry & Brand Alliance; and
- Conduct a skills audit of workers on KI.

Stream 3: Increased business Confidence and Leadership

- Leadership program which commenced in late May 2018 and concluded in November 2019;
- Coaching/mentoring program – various support services being provided in retail, tourism, laundry services, agriculture etc.; and
- Targeted growth development programs for up to 10 businesses.

Building Better Regions Fund 2019 - 2020 application

Upon the announcement of the Australian Government of a next round of funding, OCKI worked with the key industry associations on the Island to place an application before the Government for the 2019 - 2020 period. This application was successful and awarded \$135,000 for the next stage of the Kangaroo Island Growth Project. The project proposal was developed in consultation with the Commissioner resulting in the following key program areas:

- Tourism, Food and Beverage Expo;
- Regional Events Bid Strategy for 2019-2024;
- Leadership Growth Program for emerging leaders (10 participants);
- Strategic Growth Program for local business and boards;
- Tourism/Marketing program.

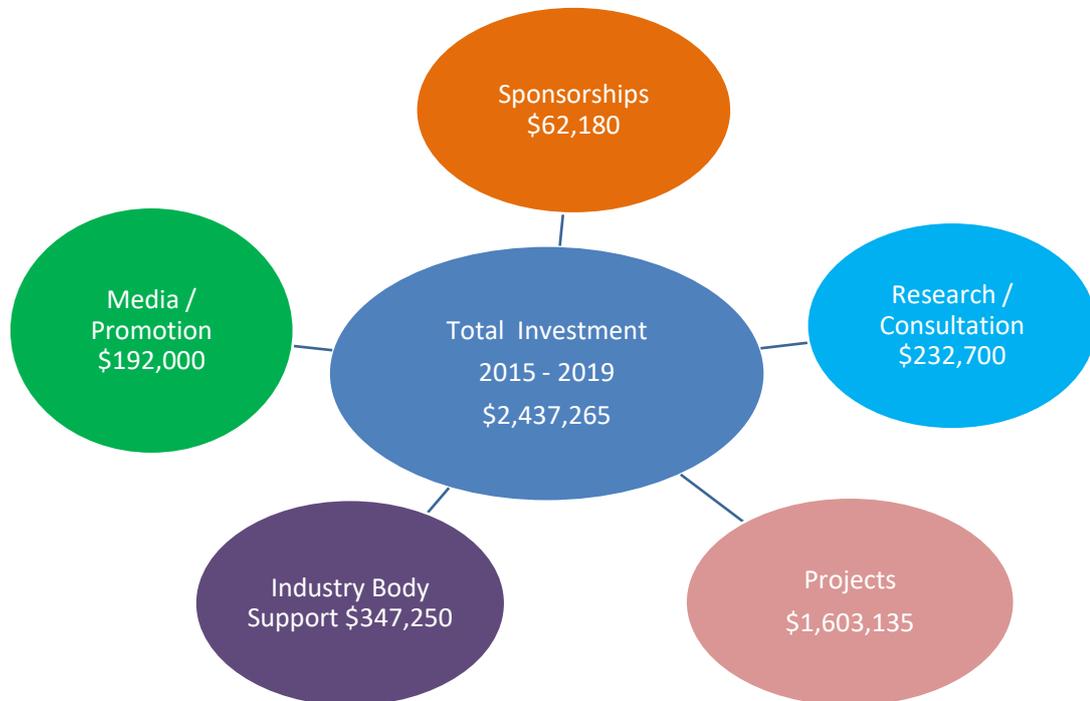
OCKI providing funding of \$45,000 in cash and a further \$44,600 in-kind brings the total project funding to \$224,600.

OCKI Funding & Support

The Office budget continues to support small grants to assist the various businesses and/or industry associations, examples are:

- Tourism Promotional gear (filming etc.)
- Mergers of Industry Bodies
- AgKI Ag Production Data Project
- Visitor Information Options Paper
- KI Cruise Ship Options Paper
- Social Media Alliance
- KI Brand – Trademark Work
- Tourism Optimisation Management Model (TOMM)
- Youth Immersion Events
- KI Race Club
- KI Sculpture Trail
- Feral Pig Research

The diagram below shows the areas where the Office has been able to facilitate funding to various industry sectors to support the growth agendas and other activities since inception (May 2015) to June 2019.



Arts

OCKI established an Arts Committee to help progress priorities identified through a survey conducted in early 2017. The Committee included representation from numerous visual arts organisations. The Committee's focus during this reporting period has been supporting the KI Council with the display of art works at the Airport, along with approaches for an ongoing presence of visual arts. The Committee has now been wound up.

OCKI has also supported the work of the Kangaroo Island Arts Museum Association which has been formed to develop funding models and a building specification for the museum. This group has benefited through support in informing itself of other regional museums and in working through investment opportunities – both of these support services have been provided through the Building Better Regions Fund.

Workforce Development Plan

OCKI has worked with DSD, TAFE SA and Kangaroo Island Community Education (KICE) to formulate a Workforce Plan for the Island. This Plan includes a range of issues and strategies to ensure that local workers are engaged as new jobs are created, businesses are supported in recruitment and retention and appropriate training opportunities are available to address skills gaps. In addition, and with the support of the Building Better Regions Fund, a skills audit has been undertaken to identify the current workforces' working arrangements, gender, age, skills set, qualifications, perceived ongoing work options so as to match current aspirations and skills with new work opportunities.

Sustainability Indicators Project

OCKI, along with the Kangaroo Island Council, PIRSA, DSD, DEWNR, and the Local Advisory Board for Economic Growth has been involved in a project designed to identify indicators and a governance framework and reporting requirements. These indicators would be designed to seek to illustrate the interrelationship between social, environmental and economic factors relating to the Island's growth and to identify "carrying capacity" of the Island and at what point the Island will become under pressure.

The project has considered a range of matters and has yet to settle on a framework. Consultations have also been undertaken with various State Government agencies in order to gain an understanding of what "triggers" are adopted that flag a change in service needs/approaches.

The project's findings to date will be subject to community consultation in November 2019 with a final report provided to the Council who has recently resolved to form a committee that would address "social, environmental and economic sustainability".

Youth

OCKI worked with the Youth Affairs Council and KICE to engage with young people about their aspirations and needs, and to identify the issues that are important to them. A final report of the findings has been prepared with a key issue that young people at school were seeking a place to meet after school and at least monthly on the weekends. OCKI has engaged with Junction Australia's community centre on the Island and has identified an opportunity to establish a meeting place. Support was provided for the then State Government grant to assist with refurbishing and providing a meeting place and OCKI also contributed to this work. Young people from KICE are actively involved in designing the meeting place.

OCKI has had a continual role in supporting this project during this reporting period.

Energy Security

The undersea cable that connects Kangaroo Island with the mainland has been laid by SA Power Networks (SAPN). This was a key project by SAPN for which OCKI and the Energy Focus Group established at the time by the Commissioner had been monitoring. The cable was laid during this period.

Water Security

Members of the community had raised concerns with the Commissioner about the water security of the Island since her appointment, especially in light of additional pressures from major developments.

Through the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, SA Water conducted a year-long consultation process designed to establish a SA Water Plan for Kangaroo Island that has regard to current and future needs, and social benefits, including those presented by various developments.

Water security is a key issue for residents and businesses on Kangaroo Island and as in any regional community, economic development cannot occur without secured water resources. SA Water is currently undertaking a review of its Long Term Water Supply Plan for Kangaroo Island which was released in 2009. It's a timely review in light of the number of current and future major developments on the island and feedback from the local community about water security.

SA Water's updated Long Term Plan for Kangaroo Island will consider:

- The current and projected drinking water demand and supply
- The state of water resources from which the drinking water supply is drawn
- Other factors in delivering a sustainable supply such as water quality, safety, whole-of-life cost, environment, heritage and social

Accounting for the above, the Plan will outline how SA Water will serve the needs of the Kangaroo Island community through the next 25 years and beyond. The Plan also provides strategic direction for capital, maintenance and operational requirements and is adaptable to meet the needs of current and future generations.

The updated plan was released in early 2019.

Feral Pigs

With the support of officers from KI NRM, Department of Environment & Water and Agriculture KI, the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island undertook a survey into the economic impact of the feral pigs on farm land. The survey revealed an economic impact of \$1.6m during the period 2015-2017 caused by damage or loss of fencing and 6,418 hours spent by farmers managing feral pigs on their properties.

An additional survey is being conducted to assess the economic impact of the loss of grazing and production land when regeneration is required along with the actual costs of regeneration.

Delivery of Hospitality/Tourism Training on KI

Due to the large cost for employers to have employees go off island to undertake training in tourism/hospitality a project, with funding from OCKI, has been initiated to explore the training provided at Regency Park and assess where the facilities exist to replicate this training on the Island. This project was held up initially due to the amalgamations of the industry associations and commenced by calling of interested parties in late August 2019.

Black Spots – Telecommunications

A survey was being finalised during this reporting period to identify the economic impact for businesses and from their perspectives the community issues associated to black spots on the Island. Over 30 black spots have been identified to date. This information was provided in the OCKI submission to the Regional Development Strategy and also to the Minister for Regional Development.

Child Care Services

Young families are raising issues regarding access to childcare services and support in the Parndana area and in some instances in Penneshaw. Support is being provided to service providers on the Island to assist in business case development for extended services.

Media and Promotion

The engagement of a media liaison contractor has enabled the promotion of Island businesses and stories across Australia. This contract concluded in August 2018.

For the 2018-19 financial year, 15 articles have appeared in the local media as a direct result of the work of the Office. A range of other articles have appeared in The Advertiser and support has been provided to local businesses to gain access to state-wide media.

A range of promotional activities are supported by Tourism Kangaroo Island (TKI), the South Australian Tourism Commission and Authentic Kangaroo Island. OCKI continues to work closely with TKI, Kangaroo Island Food and Wine Association, and Kangaroo Island Industry and Brand Alliance on their social media project.

Engagement

Over the last year, the Commissioner has undertaken 490 meetings with the following:

- Community engagements
- Community groups
- Developers
- Government agencies
- Island businesses
- Members of the community
- Regular meetings with KI's industry bodies

EVENTS	Date	Participation
Kangaroo Island Business Expansion Workshop	July 2018	18
KI Strategic Business Marketing Program	October 2018	9
Contract Basics for Small Business on Kangaroo Island	October 2018	21
Housing Expo	November 2018	100
Positioning Kangaroo Island Businesses for Strategic Growth	May 2019	9
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Local Advisory Boards (LAB)

Economic Growth

This Board assesses and advises the Commissioner on how to maximise community and business benefits emerging from various projects and developments on the Island.

During 2018-2019, this LAB has met on the following occasions:

- 31 July 2018
- 4 September 2018 (Final)

A list of key economic priorities has been established by the Board, drawing on the [Kangaroo Island Economic Development Outlook](#), which was published in June 2016. The Board assisted with the development of economic indicators to monitor progress as the developments on the Island get underway following government/council approval processes.

The Board received a report at each meeting from relevant agencies and Kangaroo Island industry peak bodies against the proposals included in the Economic Outlook.

The Board will completed its term in September 2018 with a final workshop designed to scope the key areas for economic growth over the next 2 – 3 years.

Housing

This Board provides advice on housing infrastructure and services needed now and into the future.

During 2018-2019, this LAB has met on the following occasions:

- 16 August 2018
- 25 September 2018 (Final)

The Housing LAB has worked consistently with the [Management Plan for Housing on KI](#) prepared under the Act and assisted with a range of research projects such as:

- Demographic profiling relative to housing needs;
- Assessment of the adequacy of research relevant to the various proposals in the Plan so as to move into service delivery;
- Parameters for a project to assess residential rental property promotion over tourism housing;
- Preparation of an Implementation Plan – Part A: Research
- Parameters for the conduct of a Housing Expo later in 2018 to promote housing options, including design.

The Advisory Board has also received regular briefings and provided advice on projects such as the:

- KI Community Housing Association's proposal to build an additional 3 houses for ageing persons in Kingscote;
- Parndana project of the Kangaroo Island Community Club proposed to deliver affordable housing options to the community; and
- upgrade of government housing to meet changing needs.

The Housing LAB's term of office concluded at the end of September 2018.

Management Plans

The Draft Management Plan for Housing on Kangaroo Island was gazetted on 9 June 2016, as required under the Act, which was followed by a period of consultation. Feedback on the plan received during the consultation process was considered by the Commissioner and the Housing LAB. The final [Management Plan](#) was noted by Cabinet on 5 December 2016.

A survey was conducted in January 2017 that identified the current and future demand for housing on the Island. This has informed the [Kangaroo Island Housing Diversity, Affordability and Availability Report](#), which was finalised in July 2017.

Part 1 of an Implementation Plan, which seeks to deliver on the priorities and proposals set out in the Management Plan, has been drafted and discussed with the Housing LAB. Advisory Board members from the relevant agencies are assisting with actions relevant to the plan's implementation.

As part of the Implementation Plan, OCKI held discussions with the housing industry and local contractors/builders on their costs for building on KI.

OCKI has also written to the various financial institutions regarding lending policies and issues regarding financing for KI residents. There are clearly issues that KI experiences that other country locations also experience. Further work is being undertaken to better understand the implications for residents.

There are several active proposals with government, consistent with the Management Plan as follows:

- KI Community Housing Association – building of up to 3 aged care houses utilising local government land and affordable designs;
- Parndana Housing Project – initiated by the KI Community Club and providing for up to 48 affordable homes over 10 years on DEW land, subject to approval and part of an unsolicited bid process;
- Preliminary discussions on land swaps between Council and State Housing Authority to facilitate projects; and
- Conduct of a Housing Expo in late October 2018 – to raise the issue of housing in the community and have exhibitors including builders, banks, energy efficient design options, Council and relevant state agencies.