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Sports and Recreation Workshop and Medical and Health Services Forum held on KI

Last week, the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island presented a workshop for representatives from sports and recreation clubs and associations followed by a forum for Medical and Health Service agencies.

Sports and Recreation Workshop

On Tuesday 16 February, over 20 representatives from sports and recreation clubs and associations across the Island came together to identify challenges and opportunities for their organisations. Attendees heard from the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Ms Wendy Campana, about her role and functions as Commissioner. Kangaroo Island Council CEO, Mr Andrew Boardman, provided an overview of the updated *Kangaroo Island Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy*, which is expected to be released publicly in the coming months. STARCLUB Field Officer, Mr Jeremy Bell, from the Office for Recreation and Sport outlined the STARCLUB Program and provided information on the resources and support available to clubs and associations.

Attendees at the workshop identified a number of key priorities for sports clubs and associations on the Island including governance arrangements, volunteer activation, succession planning and administrative support.

“It was great to see so many representatives from the sports clubs at the session and hear about the common issues that these clubs experience, particularly in regards to long-term sustainability. I look forward to working with the clubs, the Council and the Office for Recreation and Sport to address these challenges and to ensure that resources and infrastructure available on the Island is being used to maximise Community benefit” said Ms Campana.

One of the key outcomes agreed by attendees was the potential for coordinated administrative functions between clubs, potentially through a dedicated administrative role. The Commissioner is seeking to appoint a working Committee to meet with the Council, the Commissioner’s Office, and the Office for Recreation and Sport to develop strategies to address the priorities identified at the workshop and investigate opportunities for coordinating the administration of clubs and associations.

Medical and Health Services Forum

Over 20 representatives from Government, not-for-profit, and the private sector got together on Wednesday 17 February to discuss the delivery of medical, health and community services on the Island. Attendees shared their perspectives of the challenges that agencies faced in meeting the needs of the Community while highlighting opportunities for improving service delivery through the provision of information and resources to the Community and increased inter-agency collaboration.

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The forum provided an opportunity for attendees to learn more about other agencies and the services that they provide to the Community. One of the key outcomes of the forum was agreement by those who attended to increase information sharing between practitioners and agencies to improve the coordination of service delivery on the Island. With some specialist services being delivered on a needs basis or through scheduled practising days – the group identified scope to better communicate service availability to the Community to ensure their utilisation.

“This forum opened up a necessary conversation on medical, health and community service delivery on the Island and I am keen to support agencies to continue this conversation to support the effective and efficient delivery of services on the Island and to ensure that the long-term needs of the Community and Island visitors are met” Ms Campana said.

Agency representatives who attended the meeting agreed to meet again in the coming months to ensure that the strategies to address the issues, priorities and opportunities identified at the forum can be put into action.

More information on the outcomes of the Sports and Recreation workshop and the Medical and Health forum is available on the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island’s website: www.kangarooislandcommissioner.sa.gov.au

Information on the Office for Recreation and Sport’s STARCLUB Program is available from their website: www.recSPORT.sa.gov.au/starclub/