

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island and the Kangaroo Island Industry and Brand Alliance

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First Round of Training Delivered on Island for Construction Industry as Part of Transformation Project

On the 14th and 15th of April, a group of Island businesses attended a two day workshop run by TAFE SA as part of the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island's Transformation Project.

Workshop participants included KI building and construction industry businesses who developed Value and Capability Statements and increased their knowledge of tender processes. This workshop was delivered as part of the Transformation Project's Business Growth Program in anticipation of the Kangaroo Island Airport Upgrade and was supported by a \$20,000 grant from the Australian Government's Industry Skills Fund.

Businesses involved in the Program are receiving a tailored business support services developed by consultants Sue Arlidge and Claire Ellis with the Kangaroo Island Industry and Brand Alliance, the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Department of State Development, Adelaide Training and Employment Centre and TAFE SA.



Workshop Participants, Left to Right:

Jane Gaze - Craig's Plumbing,
Sharon Kauppila – Kauppila Pty Ltd,
Ray Wadsworth – Island Electrics,
Debbie Clarke - Kauppila Pty Ltd, Ellen
Northcott – MJ & EM Northcott Civil
Construction, Jess Cater & Steve
Larcombe – Larcombe General
Builders, Peter Wallis – Island
Earthworks, Scott Wilson – Stone
Mason, Sue Arlidge – Consultant, Barry
Jenkins – Stag Carpentry &
Construction, Andrew Kidd – TAFE SA,
Damon Horsfall – KI Specialized
Interiors, Kate & Gill Willson – A & G
Willson Earthworks

Program participant, Ms Sharon Kauppila from Kauppila Builders said “the Business Growth Program has taken our business to a new level. Through the business development approach of both working in and on our business we are increasing our capacity to grow into the new commercial and construction market emerging on the island. The program approach has been dynamic, with immediate action on gaps delivering both short and long-term solutions and tangible results.”



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"It's fantastic to see businesses working together to improve the island capacity to be involved in the Airport development and future impending infrastructure projects" said Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Ms Wendy Campana.

The Business Growth Program for construction and allied businesses is the first Program of many to be delivered as part of the Transformation Project. This initial Program followed a workshop held on the Island on 20 January 2016 that was attended by 109 people from a cross section of Island businesses.

Consultant Ms Sue Arlidge said "Direct results from this Program include increased licensing through recognition of prior learning, individual Value and Capability Statements, and an application to the Federal Entrepreneurs Program for one of the participating businesses. Additional training needs identified are also being investigated."

The Transformation Project will deliver training, mentoring and business support services for construction, retail, tourism, hospitality, and food and beverage production industry groups in anticipation of \$171 million of approved and proposed projects planned for the Island over the next 3-5 years. The Project is being delivered by the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island with the Kangaroo Island Industry and Brand Alliance and aims to support KI businesses to be in the best position to benefit from, and contribute to growth opportunities on the Island.

For more information on the Transformation Project, visit

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