

## Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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#### Economic Growth Advisory Board – Completes its Term

13 September 2018

The Economic Growth Local Advisory Board established in September 2016, by the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island under her Act, has had its final meeting.

The Advisory Board comprised a range of members from the State Government, Kangaroo Island Council, local Industry Peak Bodies on Kangaroo Island and community representatives and had a term of 2 years. Members of the Board were:

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| Graeme | Martin                | Presiding Member                             |
| Jayne  | Bates                 | SA Economic Development Board                |
| Lana   | Blazujevic            | Dept for Industry & Skills                   |
| Andrew | Boardman (Ex Officio) | Kangaroo Island Council                      |
| Carly  | Bussenschutt          | Agriculture Kangaroo Island                  |
| Peter  | Clements (Ex Officio) | Mayor Kangaroo Island Council                |
| Jo     | Collins               | Primary Industries & Regions                 |
| Damien | Cooke                 | Regional Development Australia               |
| Robert | Demarco               | Trade Tourism & Investment                   |
| Mark   | Gill                  | Tourism SA                                   |
| Pierre | Gregor                | Tourism Kangaroo Island                      |
| Mike   | Greig                 | Dept of Environment & Water                  |
| Megan  | Harvie                | Kangaroo Island Food & Wine Assoc            |
| Wayne  | Hutchinson            | Dept of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure |
| Sharon | Kauppila              | Business Kangaroo Island                     |
| Maxine | McSherry              | Kangaroo Island Community Education          |
| Damian | Miley                 | Dept of Environment & Water                  |
| Tony   | Nolan                 | Kangaroo Island Industry & Brand Alliance    |
| Alex   | Reid                  | TAFE SA                                      |
| Geoff  | Rischbieth            | Public Nominee                               |
| Tim    | Hutchinson (Observer) | TAFE SA                                      |
| Brett  | Mayne (Observer)      | Dept for Industry & Skills                   |

The Board was involved in a number of economic development related issues such as:

- Preparing and monitoring progress with the opportunities raised in the “Kangaroo Island Economic Outlook Document”;
- Revising the Outlook document to develop the economic future directions for the Island to be released in mid-November 2018, post the work of the Board;
- Surveying and analysing issues related to telecommunications black spots and the impact on businesses;

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- Monitoring the implementation of the Housing Management Plan adopted under the Act;
- Monitoring the progress of major and other developments on the Island to the approximate value of \$180m;
- Assisting with the preparation of a Workforce Plan and Skills Audit designed to assess the needs of local and emerging businesses and the capacity of the current workforce to meet needs;
- Conducting an Expo where new developments were showcased along with local developers, industry bodies, government agencies, utilities and other stakeholders in economic development. The Expo provided an opportunity for local businesses to engage with major developers and industry leaders and for the community to gain an update on progress with projects;
- Exploring approaches to the establishment of sustainability indicators for the Island;
- Influencing capacity building programs provided through my Office to local businesses and supported through State and Federal Government grant programs.

“This Advisory Board has been instrumental in assisting the work of my Office and I thank them for their considerable contributions”, said Wendy Campana, Commissioner for Kangaroo Island.

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