

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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WHERE TO NEXT?

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The Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI) has released its [Strategic Priorities for the period 2017-2020](#).

“This document sets a three year agenda for my Office, with specific priorities planned for the 2017-2018 financial year,” Commissioner Wendy Campana said.

The priorities are structured around the Commissioner’s functions that are set out in the *Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Act*. These include: ensuring the effective delivery of government services and provision of infrastructure; connecting individuals and businesses to government agencies; and, assisting to improve the local economy.

Three key areas are in Housing, Native Vegetation and Economic Growth.

The next 12 months will see:

- The Management Plan for Housing progressed with state authorities, including the Council;
- The Native Vegetation agenda finalised and public education activities progressed and responsibilities and opportunities further defined; and
- The Economic Growth Advisory Board will progress the establishment of sustainability indicators and report on these, in consultation with the community.

The Kangaroo Island Economic Development Outlook document will be reviewed and updated to take in current and future projects and to highlight opportunities for further growth.

The Transformation Project will continue to deliver business support services to all industry sectors likely to benefit from growth on the Island. Work will continue in promoting Beverages on the mainland and recent experiences with food producers are likely to see increased activity.

A Workforce Development Plan will be developed to align workforce needs with development opportunities, and where skills gaps are identified, address these through tailored training programs. The Commissioner’s Office will work closely with Kangaroo Island Community Education (KICE) on workforce initiatives.

OCKI will continue to provide assistance to business in relation to grant information, and to provide sponsorships and funding support to community organisations and industry bodies that will deliver social, environmental and economic benefits to the Island.

The Arts Committee’s work will continue to ensure opportunities are identified to strengthen and promote the arts on Kangaroo Island and on the mainland, to support local artists to thrive.

“It is becoming clear that some of the projects that we have commenced are now starting to show results and clear future directions,” Wendy Campana said.

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The Strategic Priorities 2017-2020 document is available on the website:

www.kangarooislandcommissioner.sa.gov.au or printed copies can be obtained at the Office in Dauncey Street.