

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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Visual arts consultation moving forward

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Following the arts survey and initial workshop held at the KI Yacht Club earlier this year, Commissioner Wendy Campana has worked with the KI Arts Committee to develop an action plan around the key identified priorities.

A further workshop with the visual arts community was held a week ago, to allow visual artists to provide their views on the key priorities.

Those present heard from the Commissioner's office in regard to each of the priorities and discussion took place as to where each one fitted in relation to the others, and attendees were invited to rank the priorities in accordance with their own thoughts.

The workshop identified the main priorities for the KI visual arts community ranked as follows:

- the establishment of a KI arts website;
- the establishment of a KI art trail/open studio program;
- a facilities audit;
- the opportunity for professional/artistic development; and
- the development of a KI art collection.

A meeting of the KI Visual Arts Committee, following the workshop, discussed approaches for progressing the main priorities. The Commissioner will now work with the Committee to seek engagement of local arts organisations, the Council and other arts organisations to consider options for resourcing and administering the agreed approach.

Attendees at the workshop also heard from KI Festival committee members Debbie Clarke and Susi Whitehead, who outlined the new approach to this event, which is now proposed as an annual program of events, exhibitions and activities. KI Festival is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from artists for involvement in the program.

For more information, contact Debbie Clarke at dclarke.sapphire@gmail.com .

In other arts news, the Penneshaw Progress Association has been successful in securing a grant of \$202,288 from the Federal Government's 'Building Better Regions Fund', for the Kangaroo Island Sculpture Trail.

"Congratulations to those responsible for achieving this funding," Wendy Campana said. "It is a terrific outcome."

This sculpture trail will be set on 4.45 hectares of land overlooking Hog Bay in Penneshaw and will respond to the natural environment within which it is set. The KI Sculpture Trail is seeking Expressions of Interest for Major Initial Work, before 1 November 2017.

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