

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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Board to advise Commissioner on Economic Growth holds first meeting

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The Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Ms Wendy Campana, has established a group of advisors to consider economic growth on the island and they met for the first time recently.

This Local Advisory Board for Economic Growth on Kangaroo Island will provide advice to the Commissioner on matters relating to economic development in areas such as tourism, agriculture, food and beverages and education. The Board will look at opportunities to improve the local economy while having regard to the social and environmental aspects of the island's development.

The Board comprises:

- Carly Buttrose – Agriculture KI
- Pierre Gregor – Tourism KI
- Megan Harvie – KI Food and Wine Association
- Sharon Kauppila – Business KI
- Tony Nolan – KI Industry and Brand Alliance
- Mark Gill - South Australian Tourism Commission
- Lana Blazujevic - Department of State Development
- Robert Demarco - Investment Attraction South Australia
- Jo Collins - Primary Industries and Regions SA
- Damian Miley -Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
- Jayne Bates - nominated by the chairperson of the Economic Development Board of SA
- Graeme Martin - Southern & Hills Local Government Association
- Damien Cooke - Regional Development Australia
- Mike Holden - KI community member
- Geoff Rischbieth – KI community member

Mayor Peter Clements, Kangaroo Island Council CEO Andrew Boardman and Wendy Campana will be appointed as ex-officio members.

“Following the release of the Kangaroo Island Economic Development Outlook in June 2016, this Board will monitor the opportunities arising from that document,” Ms Campana said.

“I anticipate the Board will provide me with advice and guidance on how the benefits can be maximised to local businesses and industry groups.”

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The new Board undertook an induction that provided information on the key agencies, policy frameworks and publications that influence the island's economic development and its first meeting followed. It is expected the Board will meet every 12 weeks.

For more information on the Board, its members and Terms of Reference, visit www.kangarooislandcommissioner.sa.gov.au



From left: Geoff Rischbieth, Damian Miley, Jo Collins, Damien Cooke, Graeme Martin, Mike Holden, Wendy Campana, Pierre Gregor, Sharon Kauppila, Andrew Boardman, Mark Gill, Jayne Bates, Lana Blazujevic, Megan Harvie. Not present for photo: Carly Buttrose, Peter Clements, Robert Demarco, Tony Nolan.