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As part of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island's commitment to provide skills and knowledge to Island businesses wishing to move forward with future developments, the Transformation Project continues to offer great opportunities for learning.

TAFE SA has been working in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI) and following the earlier Project Management Fundamentals Program, has now brought together a group of businesses to commence a TAFE Project Management Diploma and Certificate IV course, which will be delivered on-island over the next few months.

Project Management training was identified during the Transformation Project as a critical skill gap on the Island, so participants in this course will formalise their skills and gain a qualification in nationally recognised accredited training.

TAFE SA Regional Manager for Southern, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Tim Hutchison is pleased to be working on this project.

"The training course has been developed in response to a demand from local industry for increased product management skills on the Island. The skills delivered will enable participants to manage projects within their business or employment and will support scaling-up or expansion projects within a job," Tim Hutchison said.

"TAFE SA has worked closely with the KI Commissioner's office and the KI Transformation Project to develop this course and we are proud to continue our support of KI business and community." TAFE SA has designed a holistic program that combines delivery and assessment. The program consists of five one day face-to-face workshops approximately four weeks apart, presented by Dennis James, an experienced TAFE trainer who has previously delivered project management training on the Island.

"It's great to be able to work on Kangaroo Island and support local people and local business to improve their skills in project management," Dennis James said.

"The course we are delivering will really help these businesses to expand their knowledge and techniques."

The course will provide an in-depth coverage of project management areas, to participants who already have a good knowledge base and are using a range of technical or managerial competencies to plan, carry out and evaluate their own work or that of their team.



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Businesses involved in this initial delivery include representatives from the agricultural sector, beverages, small business, construction, Council, childcare, employment and training. Commissioner Wendy Campana is full of praise for the businesses that have stepped up for this training.

“It’s great that several of our businesses have identified their own needs for project management training. These people are prepared to commit their time and money to further explore this topic and to build on training that had already been delivered,” Wendy Campana said.

“With success in this training, we will look at moving forward on specialised areas in the future and of course, TAFE SA will be there to assist us.”