

Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce

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PROJECT OFFICER REPORT – August 2017

Can you believe that August has now arrived?! Do hope that you have travelled well through end of financial year reporting and processes. I am looking forward to what we can achieve together during this next period and to progressing our current priorities. Remember that we have our online hub at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing if you need to access Taskforce information.

2017 Taskforce Membership

Our dynamic network continues to experience growth, with over 80 active members now participating in the Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce network. If you need to change your details or no longer wish to be part of the Taskforce, please advise via email mfuller@victor.sa.gov.au If you know of any service providers, agencies or other key stakeholders who would like to participate in the Taskforce, please feel free to forward my contact details. The Taskforce Membership Form is also available online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

Flourishing on the Fleurieu

1. **Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival** – At our June network meeting there was discussion about hosting another Festival in September/October 2018. While this will be dependent on what funding is available for the Taskforce beyond June next year, there was general consensus that we should commence planning in November for a proposed 2018 Festival.

Dementia Friendly Communities

2. **Dementia Friendly Communities project:** The Dementia Action Group will continue to progress our local dementia-friendly communities initiatives.
 - a. *Dementia Alliance:* If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining an open and flexible group to help advocate for the needs of people living with dementia, their families and carers; please pass on my contact details. We are in particularly interested to hear from people living with dementia and/or their carers. The Dementia Alliance will provide feedback to the Dementia Action Group to help shape future efforts to make our community more aware and inclusive of the needs of people living with dementia.
 - b. *Online resource:* To access the electronic noticeboards with information about local dementia services and support (Dementia Information and Education, and Dementia Services in Southern Fleurieu region), go to www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing If you know of additional local dementia-specific services or information available which could be added to these noticeboards please let us know. Please note, flyers and posters can also be uploaded.
 - c. *The CADDY initiative:* We hope to trial a prototype of The Caddy initiative soon. We are working closely with Caring Neighbourhood Program and Community Connect Program to see how this initiative might value-add and utilise the infrastructure of these existing local social support programs. We are also liaising with Vanessa Leane to develop a specific profile template.
3. **Dementia Friendly Communities Training:** Home Instead Senior Care continue to host the free Dementia Friendly Training Workshops. These 45 minute workshops are suitable for customer service staff of local businesses, volunteers of organisations, and other interested community members. For further information, or to book a

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workshop at your organisation/group, please contact Jan Atkinson on 8552 9840 or jan.atkinson@homeinstead.com.au

Workforce Development & Training

4. **Focus on Falls Seminar:** Active Ageing Australia in partnership with the Taskforce hosted a 'Focus on Falls Seminar' on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at The Anchorage Seafront Hotel in Victor Harbor. This was attended by 32 health care professionals, service providers and some community members. The new Falls Prevention in SA website was also launched <http://fallssa.com.au/> Active Ageing Australia will also be launching their new look website soon.
5. **Cultural Awareness Training:** Planning is in progress with Multicultural Aged Care to host a Cultural Awareness seminar in Victor Harbor (? October 2017). Further details and promotion flyer will be distributed once available.

Kangaroo Island

6. Kathy Bald is no longer acting in the position of EO/DON for Kangaroo Island Health Service – Nigel Jefford is now back from leave and has resumed this position.

Sector Support & Development

7. **SA Collaborative Projects 2017 Symposium 'No one should have no one':** This fully-booked out event was held on Friday 7 July 2017 at Morphettville Racecourse with over 160 people attending. A range of thought-provoking presentations were included in the day encouraging exploration of practical and innovative approaches to help reduce loneliness and social isolation for ageing people. Phil Morecroft and George Adler from the Yankalilla and Districts Community Men's Shed provided an engaging presentation. Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive.
8. **Home Care Today project:** The Home Care Today project ended on 30 June 2017, however resources for consumers and providers about Consumer Directed Care and Home Care Packages will continue to be available via COTA Australia website www.cota.org.au

Ageing and Aged Care Communication from/to Department of Health

9. *Information about ageing and aged care is available via:*
 - Department of Health website: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/>
 - Subscribe to newsletter: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/advice-to-the-aged-care-industry>
 - Announcements: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates-advice-to-the-aged-care-industry/announcements>
 - Webinars: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/webinars>
 - Publications: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/publications-and-articles>
 - Consultations: <https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/ageing-and-aged-care-news-and-updates/consultations>
 - Speaking Requests: <https://agedcare.govcms.gov.au/news-and-updates/aged-care-speaking-requests>
 - Aus Tender: <https://www.tenders.gov.au/>

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- Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Subscription: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs-services/flexible-care/multi-purpose-services-program>

10. **Aged Care Roadmap:** future reform directions for aged care
https://agedcare.health.gov.au/sites/g/files/net1426/f/documents/04_2016/strategic_roadmap_for_aged_care_web.pdf
11. **Department of Health Service Stocktake Report Sector Support and Development:** This Progress Report outlining the Taskforce compliance and reporting against our Activity Work Plan, for the period 1 January to 30 June 2017, is due on 15 August 2017.
12. **Integrated Care at Home Program Discussion Paper:** The Department of Health has released a Discussion Paper titled 'Future reform – an integrated care at home program' and is seeking feedback from the sector on how future reform can best support older Australians to remain living at home and in their communities. Feedback will be used to inform government decisions on an integrated care at home program. The Discussion Paper and Submission template was emailed to Taskforce members in July and questions posed in the paper will be discussed at the August network meeting. Submissions close 21 August 2017.
For further details visit: <https://consultations.health.gov.au/aged-care-policy-and-regulation/discussion-paper-future-care-at-home-reform/>

OTHER

13. **UniSA Department of Rural Health:** Dr Matthew Leach will be presenting at our Taskforce network meeting on 10 October, in relation to the following projects - *Regional SA Health Needs Survey and Regional SA Health Workforce Project*.

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