

Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce

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PROJECT OFFICER REPORT – October 2017

Here we are in October already!! Seriously, where has this year gone?! Much has happened in the past two months, as you can see from the report below. We were delighted to receive the news that Commonwealth funding for Sector Support and Development will be extended until June 2020 to align with CHSP service delivery funding. There are exciting times ahead as we look to trialling the CADDY initiative next year, as well as hosting our 2018 Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival. To access Positive Ageing Taskforce information, visit our Taskforce webpage www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

2017 Taskforce Membership

We now have 85 active members 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** – With the exciting news of our Taskforce funding extension, we will now be able to progress planning for the 2018 Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival. A planning meeting will be scheduled for late November to make an initial start. We are interested to hear from members who wish to take on a role in assisting us to plan and organise next year's Festival – please contact mfuller@victor.sa.gov.au if you have capacity to assist with any of the following: promotion and media liaison, networking with local community groups, local business liaising, waste management, risk management, IT support, catering, evaluation strategies.

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:* Please help us promote our local Dementia Alliance group - 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 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:* The electronic noticeboards with information about local dementia services and support (Dementia Information and Education, and Dementia Services in Southern Fleurieu region), can be accessed via 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. We are interested to hear your thoughts on how we can promote this valuable resource more broadly within the community and to service providers and GPs.
 - c. *The CADDY initiative:* The exciting news is we are establishing a partnership with Vanessa Leane and UniSA to trial a prototype of the CADDY initiative in

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2018. 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 applying for an Age-Friendly grant to fund Vanessa's involvement as a Project Coordinator to shape and test a wellbeing model, develop practical resources, liaise with UniSA and coordinate student participation (if required), evaluate and report on the project. It is hoped that we can demonstrate a sustainable model that can be integrated into existing service provision which provides a means to identify core strengths of people living with memory loss, create a wellbeing profile and plan, identify empowering resources, and use a wellbeing measure to highlight the meaningful outcomes for participants.

3. **Dementia Friendly Communities Training:** Home Instead Senior Care offer 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 workshop at your organisation/group, please contact Jan Atkinson on 8552 9840 or jan.atkinson@homeinstead.com.au

Workforce Development & Training

4. **Workforce Development Planning:** Met with Brett Mayne, Department for State Development (DSD), to provide feedback about regional workforce development, staffing and training issues on 22 August. A Workforce Development Plan Workshop hosted by DSD was held on 12 September at Strathalbyn.
5. **Cultural Awareness Training:** Multicultural Aged Care will be hosting a Cultural Awareness seminar in Victor Harbor on Tuesday 17 October 2017 1.00 - 4.00 pm at the Flinders University Rural Clinical School. Aged care workers and health service providers are welcome to attend. Cost \$40 per person. Tickets available <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cultural-awareness-training-in-the-fleurieu-region-tickets-37026148206>

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6. Marjo Smith (Country Health Connect – KI Health Service) will provide an update at our network meeting.

Ageing and Aged Care Communication from/to Department of Health

7. **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, was submitted on 14 August 2017. As mentioned, we recently received notification of the extension of Commonwealth funding for Sector Support and Development until June 2020, in alignment with CHSP funding for service provision.
8. **Integrated Care at Home Program Discussion Paper:** The Taskforce submitted a regional response to the Department of Health's Discussion Paper titled 'Future reform – an integrated care at home program' on 16 August 2017. Feedback will be used to inform government decisions on an integrated care at home program.

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9. **Department of Health:** Senior Grant Manager, Roy Inglis, will attend the Taskforce network meeting on 12 December to provide an update from the state office.
10. **Good Practice Guide to Consistent Assessment:** This new resource was released by the Commonwealth Department of Health in August. The purpose of the Guide is to help assessors achieve consistency in assessment by detailing good practice standards in how they record information. The Guide provides specific tips and techniques on these tasks and activities for assessors to follow at different stages of the assessment process, such as engaging with providers during the match and refer process. It addresses issues such as the audience of assessment documentation and consistent completion of the assessment summary by RAS and ACATs.
11. **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/>
 - Multi-Purpose Services (MPS) Subscription: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs-services/flexible-care/multi-purpose-services-program>
12. **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
13. **Community Grants Hub:** This new service will be the means by which providers interact with CHSP as well as a range of other government programs. It aims to streamline how grants are administered across Government for the benefit of stakeholders and the community and is available online via <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>. The 'Information for recipients' tab includes fact sheets, policies, and information about financial and program reporting.

OTHER

14. **My Aged Care Free Community Information Session:** COTA SA in partnership with Country SA PHN will be hosting a free community information session on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at the Gospel Centre, 2 George Main Road, Victor Harbor at 9.30am – 12.30pm. Community members are invited to come along and hear about the My Aged Care system, My Aged Care Support Program, Commonwealth Home Support Program, Home Care Packages, and Country SA Primary Health Network. Local aged care service providers are invited to book a stall and be available to raise awareness of the services they offer. Please contact Helen Morley, My Aged Care Support Program, hmorley@cotasa.org.au or country free call on 1800 182 324 for more information.

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15. **My Aged Care Support Program:** COTA SA will be facilitating this program, funded by Country SA PHN, which will provide practical one-to-one peer support for older people to help understand and navigate the My Aged Care gateway. Free assistance is available over the phone initially, with the option of a local Peer Champion meeting face to face if required. For further information, please contact COTA SA Country free call 1800 182 324 or Helen Morley (Project Officer) hmorley@cotasa.org.au
16. **Planning Ahead Week:** We promoted the Planning Ahead Week message during September via an Info Display in the council foyer, email to all council staff, and via the Messages on Hold phone messages.
17. **Alzheimer's Australia SA Feedback Survey:** provided feedback via the online survey on 11 September.

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