



Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce

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PROJECT OFFICER REPORT – June 2019

Mid-year is upon us and yet another very busy year is unfolding. Do hope you are all keeping well and warm as winter approaches. Transitioning to the new Aged Care Standards is a key priority for many providers currently, with assessment against the new standards commencing 1 July.

To access Positive Ageing Taskforce information, visit our Taskforce webpage www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

2019 Taskforce Membership

We now have over 100 active members of the Southern Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Positive Ageing Taskforce. Contact details were updated and distributed to all members on 1 May.

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 available online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing. Also, if you no longer wish to be member of the Taskforce, please advise and we can remove your contact details from the network.

Flourishing on the Fleurieu

1. **Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival** – Evaluation documents are available at www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing. We were thrilled that the Flourishing on the Fleurieu Festival 2018 was a 'Finalist' in the recent Local Government Professional Leadership Awards in the category of Community Partnerships and Collaboration; this is recognition of the commitment to collaboration that exists in our region and the value we place on fostering community partnerships. Well done to all involved in the 2018 Festival.

Planning for the 2020 Festival will commence soon, if you would like to contribute to the planning and preparation for the 2020 Festival please email Michelle at mfuller@victor.sa.gov.au

Dementia Friendly Communities

2. **Dementia Friendly Communities project:**

CADDY Project - Two events have been scheduled following the end of the trial Caddy project – these events will be held on 25 June at McCracken Country Club:

- Celebratory **recognition morning tea** to acknowledge the contributions of people who participated in the Caddy Project Trial, including volunteer caddies, clients and carers.
- **Open Forum** (1 – 4 pm) to share key learnings and resources arising from the project. Information and Forum Program has been distributed. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. We are encouraged by the significant number of registrations to attend that we have already received. Please help us further promote this opportunity to anyone interested in supporting Dementia Friendly Communities.

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Workforce Development & Training

- 3. Better Practice Project (BPP) Training Workshops:** For further training and professional development opportunities please visit:
<https://www.acsa.asn.au/Education/Education-Programs.aspx?topic=Better%20Practice%20Project>
Most training workshops accrue CPD, relevant CPD for each workshop is listed on website.
- 4. Silver Rainbow – LGBTI Aged Care Awareness Training – 17 July 2019 Strathalbyn**
The Southern Fleurieu and KI Positive Ageing Taskforce are partnering with the Hills Positive Ageing Taskforce to offer this training FREE of charge in Strathalbyn on 17 July 2019, 11am – 3pm at Angus Room, Strathalbyn Library; lunch will be provided. The training is relevant for Managers, Coordinators, Support Workers, specialty services. Please RSVP to mfuller@victor.sa.gov.au or jwilhelm@ahc.sa.gov.au. The Silver Rainbow LGBTI Aged Care Awareness Training Project is managed by the National LGBTI Health Alliance and is being delivered collaboratively with project partners across Australia. It is funded by the Department of Health until June 2020. COTA SA has been selected as the SA partner for this project.

Kangaroo Island

5. Update to be provided at our network meeting.

Ageing and Aged Care Communication from/to Department of Health

- 6. 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>

These links are also now available on the flourishing website www.victor.sa.gov.au/flourishing

- 7. 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

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8. DoH updates:

- **Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality:** The [Royal Commission website](#) provides information about the work of the Royal Commission and how you can engage with the Commission, including how [submissions](#) can be made, and when and where [hearings](#) will be held. View [live webcasts](#) of hearings, or video recordings of previous hearings or read the [transcripts](#). An [audio version](#) of the live webcast is also available. An interim report is to be provided by 31 October 2019, and a final report by 30 April 2020.

- **Webinar: Aged Care Quality Reform - 6 June 2019, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (ACST)**

This webinar will update service providers and the assessment workforce on key aged care quality reforms being implemented from 1 July 2019, including:

- o Aged Care Quality Standards
- o Clinical Governance Framework
- o Open Disclosure Framework
- o Single Charter of Aged Care Rights
- o Strengthened regulations to minimise the inappropriate use of restraint
- o National Quality Indicator Program

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about these topics to representatives from both the Department of Health and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

Link: <http://livestream.education.gov.au/health/6june2019>

You do not need to RSVP for this webinar and there is no limit to the number of participants.

- **New Charter of Aged Care Rights**

A new Charter of Aged Care Rights (the Charter) has been made in law and will take effect from 1 July 2019. Transition to the new Charter has begun. Information about the timeframes for implementation and the requirements for providers to sign, and support consumers to understand, the Charter is available on the [department's website](#).

The Charter will replace the existing charters that relate to care recipients' rights and responsibilities and apply to people once they start receiving Government-subsidised aged care, including:

- o residential care
- o home care packages
- o flexible care
- o the Commonwealth Home Support Programme
- o the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.

The Charter will provide the same rights to aged care consumers regardless of the type of care they receive and help to create a shared understanding about the rights of people receiving aged care. The Charter has been translated into multiple languages.

The Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) is supporting the Department of Health with raising awareness and providing education about the Charter, which includes support to aged care service providers and consumers. More information is available on [OPAN's website](#)



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- **Reablement-focused Assessment Trial Commences**

Reablement-focused assessments are being trialled by five Regional Assessment Services undertaking 'active assessment' of clients seeking services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). The focus is on a 'show me' approach to how clients undertake activities of daily living and working with them to identify task simplification strategies. Most clients complete a reablement period of 6-8 weeks before referral for ongoing CHSP services is made. Support strategies for the sector will be rolled out during the trial. These will include training programs, resources and practical supports to assist CHSP service providers, senior Australians, their families and carers. An evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the assessment model. The trial will run until June 2020.

- **Consultation on Certificate III in Ageing Support Qualification**

The Aged Services Industry Reference Committee is overseeing development of a new qualification – Certificate III in Ageing Support – to ensure that workers are equipped with the skills required to work effectively in the aged care sector and provide quality care to their clients.

National consultation on the core Units of Competency for this new qualification closed on 24 May 2019. Consultation guidance material is available for download [here](#). Further information about developing the Certificate III in Ageing Support, planned consultation activities and the process for providing feedback on the draft qualification can be found on the [SkillsIQ website](#).

OTHER

- **New State Ageing Plan 2020 - 2025:** Michelle participated in a regional online workshop on 8 May, facilitated by Office for Ageing Well and The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI), as part of the consultation process for the next State Ageing Plan. The workshop's focus was to generate possibilities for SA across three key themes identified by older people as important for ageing well:

- There's no place like home
- Meaningful connections
- Navigating change

These themes have come from the 2018 statewide conversations and information gathering, involving more than 1,500 older South Australians, as well as those who work with and for them. Further information about each theme can be found in the *Future Directions to Support Ageing Well* report, which can be accessed here:

<https://www.tacsi.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Future-Directions-to-Support-Ageing-Well.pdf>

- **My Aged Care Support Program:** COTA SA facilitates this service which provides 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 or face to face with a local volunteer Peer Champion. Local Peer Champions are:
 - Marilyn Henderson, contact 0456 390 059, or pop into Victor Harbor Library on Mondays between 10.00am – 12.30pm for a chat with Marilyn



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- Maureen Franklin, contact 0499 036 790, or pop into the Goolwa Library on Wednesdays from 10am -12 noon to talk with Maureen.

For further information about the project, please contact COTA SA Country free call 1800 182 324 or Helen Morley, Project Officer, on hmorley@cotasa.org.au or 82320422 or visit <https://www.cotasa.org.au/programs/my-aged-care-support.aspx>

- **Moving for Life Your Way presentation by Melanie Smith, CEO Active Ageing Australia – 11 June 2019:** Melanie will be our guest presenter at our next Taskforce network meeting on 11 June, and will be discussing the new resources which are available and how your staff, families and carers can empower older people to keep moving to support their independence with their day-to-day activities.
- **New Adult Safeguarding Legislation presentation -** Elicia White, Chief Adult Safeguarding Practitioner for the new Adult Safeguarding Unit will be our guest presenter at the August Taskforce network meeting on 13 August.

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