

2017-18 INITIAL RESPONSES TO REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island

Jobs & Skills for Regional SA

In response to the [Jobs and Skills for Regional SA](#) engagement project, the Government of South Australia is investing an additional \$376,000 in new skills, training and employment projects in the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island region in 2017-18.

In 2017, the State Government undertook comprehensive engagement with the community to better understand the skills, training and employment needs of regions and to collaborate on solutions. The initiatives below have been developed in direct response to what stakeholders said during the engagement process, complemented by available data.

Work-readiness and foundation skills

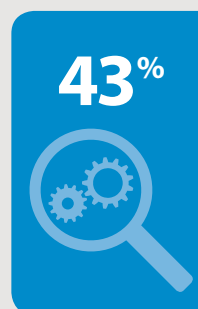
Through the engagement process, you said:

- there is a concentration of jobseekers in the Fleurieu facing barriers to employment, including low socio-economic disadvantage, substance abuse and other addictions, mental health issues, and learning difficulties
- we need to break the cycle of long-term unemployment and disadvantage by engaging with the whole family
- we need to bridge the gap between education, training and employment, particularly for people needing additional support
- young people would benefit from career services to help them prepare job applications, update their resumes and make connections with employers
- the region would benefit from Adult Community Education courses to improve employability, interpersonal and communication skills.

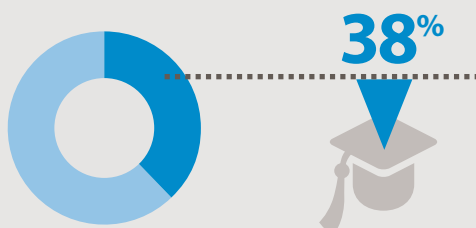
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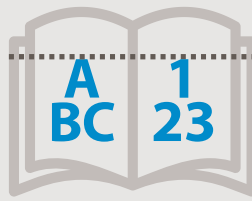
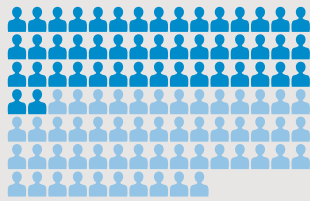
The region has a **high percentage of jobless families with dependent children**: Victor Harbor (18 per cent of families); Yankalilla (14.9 per cent); Alexandrina (12.3 per cent); and Kangaroo Island (9.7 per cent). (source: *DCSI Thriving Communities Atlas*)



According to the *ABS Survey of Education and Work*, **43 per cent of unemployed people** in the south east of South Australia, which includes the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, **are long-term unemployed** (i.e. looking for work for more than 52 weeks).



The *2016 ABS Census* showed that **38 per cent of working age unemployed people** in the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island **have low levels of educational attainment**. Further, 31.8 per cent of this cohort are not studying.



The 2012 program for the international assessment of adult competencies revealed that nearly half of South Australians (**47 per cent**) have a literacy skill level below that required to participate in a modern skilled economy. In addition, less than half (44 per cent) have the required numeracy skills.

4.8%



12.5%



In the Adelaide Hills, the 2016 ABS Census recorded an **unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent** and a **youth unemployment rate of 12.5 per cent**.

6.1%



13.1%



In the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, the ABS 2016 Census recorded an **unemployment rate of 6.1 per cent**, and a **youth unemployment rate of 13.1 per cent**.

We will:

- deliver a **Building Family Opportunities Project** to assist 15 long-term jobless families in the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island region
- deliver a **Pathways to Participation project**, in partnership with community-based organisations with strong connections to regional opportunities, to address the employability skills and work readiness of 20 long-term unemployed jobseekers in the Fleurieu and 20 in Kangaroo Island
- deliver **Adult Community Education projects** in the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island region to help 40 additional regional participants to improve their foundation skills.

Employment and training

Through the engagement process, you said:

- mature aged people in the Adelaide Hills need more opportunities to improve their digital literacy and other fundamentals to prepare for employment.

What the data says:



The 2016 ABS Census data showed that mature aged people are the second largest unemployed cohort in the Adelaide Hills. The region recorded more than **600 unemployed mature aged workers**.

We will:

- deliver an **employment case management service** for mature aged jobseekers in the Adelaide Hills to assess, case manage, mentor and train 40 mature aged people.

Business and industry

Through the engagement process, you said:

- employers are requesting more training for jobseekers in transferable skills across a range of similar businesses and industries
- a support service is needed for employers and jobseekers to better understand and leverage available programs, funding and skills development support from government.

We will:

- fund a **one stop shop** in the Adelaide Hills to improve access to skills, training and employment information, including a coordinated service bringing together information, programs, services and funding options available to broker employment outcomes.

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