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RDAEP Relaunches Career Transition Service in Whyalla

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Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP), in partnership with the South Australian Government and Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance (RESA), has re-established the Career Transition Service (CTS) in response to workers affected by recent job losses and redundancies in Whyalla.

The CTS provides free, professional, face-to-face career development sessions tailored to individuals seeking new employment pathways. This initiative, delivered by experienced Career Transition Counsellor Paula Wilson, will play a crucial role in connecting affected workers to the South Australian Government's \$1.1 million training package, aimed at providing subsidised training and career support.

Through personalised career counselling, resume preparation, and job search assistance, the CTS will equip workers with a structured career transition plan. Additionally, participants may gain access to free accredited training, including Fee-Free TAFE courses, Recognition of Prior Learning assessments, and occupational tickets such as forklift, white card, first aid, and confined space certifications. This comprehensive support ensures workers can upskill and remain competitive in the evolving job market.

"This initiative is about ensuring that Whyalla's workforce remains skilled, adaptable, and supported through periods of change," said RDAEP CEO, Ryan Viney. "By working closely with job seekers, we can help them explore new locally based career opportunities and connect with the right training and support networks. This service is not just about finding jobs but about creating meaningful career pathways in the region for the future."

Apprentices affected by workforce changes are also encouraged to seek support through the CTS. Through collaboration with the Apprentice Employment Network SA (AEN SA) and the South Australian Skills Commission, displaced apprentices can access assistance to find new host employers, retain their wages, and complete their training. Eligible apprentices may also benefit from the state-supported Apprentice Retention Program, ensuring continued skill development and employment opportunities.

In addition to career development services, the CTS also provides referrals to other essential support services, ensuring a holistic approach to workforce transition. Whether individuals need financial counselling, mental health support, or industry-specific training, the CTS is committed to connecting them with the necessary resources.

The Career Transition Service is available via appointment. To register or learn more about this service, individuals can contact Paula Wilson at 0405 932 711 or via email at paula.wilson@rdaep.org.au.

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For further details and to register for support, visit: www.resa.org.au/careertransitionsupport

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