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## **RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT EP**

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The board of Rural Financial Counselling Service SA Inc (RFCSSA) will visit Port Lincoln on Wednesday 8 April 2009 to conduct a regional board meeting.

General Manager of RFCSSA Kay Matthias said that the meeting is part of the board's charter to meet in regional centres.

"The board is committed to meeting regularly in regional centres."

"This allows them to meet with key industry leaders and to see first hand what the conditions are like, regionally," Ms Matthias said.

RFCSSA staff from all around South Australia will also be in Port Lincoln for two days of intensive training.

Ms Matthias said that staff training is integral to ensuring that staff are kept up to date in management techniques, as well as to undertake other training.

"This is particularly important in a time of climate variability, changing government programs, and of course to ensure that staff receive adequate training in our new case management method of operating," Ms Matthias said.

Staff of RFCSSA are the only rural financial counsellors who can undertake Centrelink identification checks, outside of Centrelink staff, so interaction with Centrelink will also occur during the training workshop.

Clients wishing to make an appointment to see a rural financial counsellor can phone the RFCSSA freecall hotline number of 1800 836 211.

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