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Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the *Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council by:

Brian Higgins  
Presiding Member



20 September 2017

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Signature

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Date

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## **Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987***

### **Agency purpose or role**

The Health Advisory Council was established by the then Minister for Health and Ageing to undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community and to provide advice in relation to health matters, amongst other functions.

The rules are available at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/CountryHealthSA>

### **Objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Legislation administered by the agency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Organisation of the agency**

Health Advisory Councils in country South Australia undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community. The Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council) acts as an 'umbrella body' for other Health Advisory Councils, providing advice from a whole of country perspective.

Regional Presiding Member representatives also come together as the Presiding Member Panel to facilitate communication exchange between the local Health Advisory Councils and the Governing Council.

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from Country Health SA Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/CountryHealthSA](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/CountryHealthSA)

### **Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)**

Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc

Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council)

Balaklava Riverton Health Advisory Council Inc

Lower North Health Advisory Council Inc

Mid North Health Advisory Council Inc

Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc

Port Broughton Health Advisory Council Inc

Port Pirie Health Advisory Council

Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc

### **Employment opportunity programs**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Agency performance management and development systems**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

## Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil to report	0

## Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health through Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc.

Data for the past five years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/resources/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

## Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for the past five years is available at:

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## Executive employment in the agency

The Health Advisory Committee consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

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## Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each Nil		0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each		
Russell and Yelland Architects	Architectural and Consultancy Fees	\$ 42,040
<b>Total all consultancies</b>		<b>\$ 42,040</b>

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See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

## Financial performance of the agency

As the Health Advisory Council is unincorporated, its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc.

## Other financial information

Nil to report.

## Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

## Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

### Health Care Act 2008

Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

The Health Advisory Council acts as an advocate to promote the interests of the community. During the year, activities have included the following:

- Funded and significantly involved in representing the views of the community in the substantial re-modelling of the kitchen at Laura Hospital.
- Submitted the views of the community in a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Health Services.
- Submits an update to local press outlets every two months providing information to the community on the work of the Health Advisory Council and seeking community input.
- Facilitated an information session by the Primary Health Network for the community.
- Facilitated an Information Forum for the community in relation to the Community Home Support Program in response to feedback from the community.
- Actively promoted the Country Health SA Local Health Network Undergraduate Scholarship program.
- Highlighted within the community the need for additional volunteer bus drivers.
- Been involved in the Primary Health Network Mid North Local Health Cluster activities.
- Provided support to the Crystal Brook Guild in a major fund raising event within the community.
- Provided information to the community on access to home maintenance services.

### Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.



## **Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman**

### **Summary of complaints by subject**

A whole of SA Health response is provided in the Department for Health and Ageing 2016-17 Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

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### **Complaint Outcomes**

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