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2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT for the Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council

To:

Hon Stephen Wade MLC

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, the *Health care Act 2008* and 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 Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council by:

Kendall Jackson

Presiding Member



Date 30 September 2021

Signature

From the Presiding Member

To say it's been yet another unprecedented year in our health service would almost be unjust. There have been so many adjustments made to everyone's everyday life, given the dangers and consequences of COVID-19, but regionally and more so locally at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service, we must be proud of our health service/s.

Whilst there's been COVID-19 restrictions, new rules and regulations implemented, and yet another lockdown, our doctors, nurses, allied health teams, and support staff have continued to provide the highest level of service to those in need. We must all be thankful for our essential workers during these times.

The Port Pirie Regional Health Advisory Council (PPHAC) has been supporting the hospital and its staff in any way possible during the last 12 months, albeit from a distance.

It was nice to get together to celebrate the launch of the re-branded Yorke and North Local Health Network. The new design has been welcomed across the region and is a lovely depiction of the Flinders Ranges and the purple colour they often throw at sunset.

HAC donated \$6000 to Hammill House earlier this year to assist with developing a garden area for its aged care residents. This project is yet to be completed but will offer residents some form of independence as they participate in growing plants and/or vegetables.

Uni Hub Port Pirie made a presentation to PPHAC in March. Given about 25 per cent of students enrolled at the hub are enrolled in nursing, PPHAC found the presentation very informative and showed its support for its quest to seek funding to build a laboratory simulation to assist students at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.

A shortage of local GPs raised its head again in Port Pirie and may explain why we are finding it more difficult to have a local doctor be part of our PPHAC – they're too busy. It seems there's generally a shortage in most rural and regional towns and cities. However, the Port Pirie Regional Council held a meeting to hear the concerns of local doctors and discuss the issue with Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey and YNLHN Chief Executive Officer Roger Kirchner.

In closing, congratulations must go to the Port Pirie Regional Health Service Nursing and Midwifery team, which recently won two categories at the Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards. This included Excellence in Person-Centred Care – Team Award and Excellence in Excellence in Practice – Enrolled Nurse (Heather Braun).



Kendall Jackson

Presiding Member

Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council

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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	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 constitution is available at – www.sahealth.sa.gov.auPortPirieHAC
Our Vision	Not applicable
Our Values	Not applicable
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Our organisational structure

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include

- Up to eight community members
- One Local Government nominee
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- One employee from the Port Pirie Regional Health Service

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.auPortPirieHAC

Changes to the agency

During 2020-21 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

Hon Stephen Wade MLC is the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in South Australia.

The Minister oversees health, wellbeing, mental health, ageing well, substance abuse and suicide prevention.



Our Executive team

Not applicable

Legislation administered by the agency

Not applicable

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

- Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc
- 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 District Health Advisory Council Inc
- Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council
- Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

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

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	Not applicable
Lower costs	Not applicable
Better Services	Not applicable

Agency specific objectives and performance

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Not applicable		

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Performance
Not applicable	

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
Not applicable	

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Not applicable

Executive employment in the agency

Not applicable

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

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

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$ 0

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yorke-and-northern-local-health-network-ynlhn>

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

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All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$ 0

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Not applicable		\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

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The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Not applicable	

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

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 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc.

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Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

0

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Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>Health Care Act 2008</i>	Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

- *Act as an advocate to promotion the interests of the community.*
- *Provide advice about relevant aspect of the provision of health services, and relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and strategic initiatives.*
 - PPHAC engaged in discussions with the local Mayor, local state and federal MPs and GPs around the lack of GP/specialist services in the Port Pirie region.
- *Encourage community participation in programs.*
 - PPHAC has encouraged the participation of a representative from the Aboriginal Health Team to join PPHAC, to no avail.
 - PPHAC has also encouraged more community member participation.
- *Consult with other bodies that are interested in the provision of health services.*
 - PPHAC engaged with the Spencer Gulf UniHub, hoping to develop a nurse/allied health training centre/laboratory at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.
- *Provide advice to the Minister about any matter referred to it by the Minister or CE.*
- *Participate in consultation or assessment process associated with the selection of senior staff.*
 - PPHAC Presiding Member participated in the process/appointment of new Senior Advisor Community Consumer Engagement position as a community representative.
- *Act as trustee and participate in budget discussions and financial management or development processes; and to undertake fundraising activities (incorporated HAC).*
- *Provide advice about the management of resources for health services; and provide assistance with fundraising activities (unincorporated HAC).*
 - PPHAC provided funding to develop a sensory garden at Hammill House aged care facility at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

A whole of SA Health response will be provided in the 2020-21 Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

A Regional Health Network response will be provided in the 2020-21 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2020-21
Not applicable			

Additional Metrics	Total
Not applicable	

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Service Improvements

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