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Hon John Hill MP  
Minister for Health

Dear Minister

In accordance with the *Public Sector Management Act 1995* and the *Health Care Act 2008*, I am pleased to submit the annual report of *Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council* for presentation to Parliament.

This report provides an accurate account of the operations of the *Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council* for the financial year ending 30 June 2009, in accordance with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular on Annual Reporting Requirements.

Yours sincerely

Barry Hay  
Presiding Member  
Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council  
September 2009

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# Report of the Presiding Member

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2008/09 Annual report for the Port Pirie Regional Health Service Health Advisory Council.

Following our first Annual General meeting in March this year we welcomed a number of new members onto our group and over the last 5 months time has been spent understanding our new role and gaining a clear understanding of where we are heading

In April 2009 some members attended a valuable training session held in Laura and this gave attendees a good understanding of how we might go about engaging with our community.

The advisory Council is currently in the process of developing and designing a 10 year local service plan which will feed into the Mid North Cluster plan and then into the Country Health SA plan.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of our HAC for their on going commitment to move forward and embrace change which will ensure the best of services for our local community.

Mr Barry Hay  
Presiding Member

# Role & Function

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

In accordance with the requirements of the section 17 of the *Health Care Act 2008*, the Advisory Council is governed by a set of Rules determined by the Minister.

Full details of the functions of the Advisory Council are contained in the Rules and are précised as follows:

The functions of the Advisory Council are to:

- act as an advocate to promote the health interests of the community;
- provide advice to the Minister and the Chief Executive about any aspect of the provision of health services in the Local Area by Country Health SA Hospital Inc from the perspective of consumers of those services and in addition, carers and volunteers who interface with the services; or any aspect of the provision to the community of health services outside of the local area, from the perspective of consumers of those services and in addition, carers and volunteers who interface with the services;
- provide advice to the Minister and the Chief Executive about a range of issues, including:
  - health issues, goals, priorities, plans, and other strategic initiatives of local health service sites;
  - the development or implementation of systems or mechanisms designed to support the delivery of health or services at local health service sites;
  - the development and management of health services and on the resources made available for these service;
- provide advice to the Minister about any matter referred to it by the Minister or Chief Executive;
- assist the Minister and Chief Executive in the provision of information to, and to consult broadly with, the consumers of health services provided by Country Health SA Hospital Inc in the local area;
- encourage community participation in programs associated with supporting the provision of health services by Country Health SA Hospital Inc and promote the importance of carers and volunteers;
- consult with other bodies that are interested in the provision of health services within the community;
- participate in consultation or assessment processes associated with selection of senior staff at local health services;
- provide assistance with fundraising activities.

Members of the Council during the year were:

- Mr Barry Hay
- Mr Joseph Paparella
- Mr John Brazel
- Ms Shirley Hortin
- Ms Jenny Hughes
- Ms Elizabeth Sternal

# Service Snapshot

Port Pirie Regional Health Service (PPRHS) includes a 92 bed hospital comprising of a 32 bed nursing home, a respite and palliative care ward, and two acute wards that provide medical, high dependency, paediatric, surgical and obstetric services as well as the provision of private rooms. There is a 24-hour accident and emergency, two operating theatres, day surgery and a chemotherapy unit. The Medical Imaging Department provides general x-ray, ultrasound, computed tomography (CT) scanning and mammography services. There is also an on site pharmacy department.

Community and Allied Health Services provide an extensive range of services with a focus on primary health care (PHC) and health promotion. Services are provided across the Country Health SA North West Operational Group and Cluster. Allied Health disciplines include physiotherapy, podiatry, dietetics, speech pathology, diabetes education, occupational therapy and women's health.

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# Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 1991 gives members of the public a legally enforceable right to access information held by the South Australian Government, subject to certain restrictions.

The Health Advisory Council website provides an overview of the advisory council's roles and functions: (<http://www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au/HealthAdvisoryCouncils.aspx>)

Functions of Country Health SA Board Health Advisory Council affecting the public

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Arrangements and procedures for seeking access to records and policies

Applications for access to information under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 legislation including purchase costs or amendment of records should be addressed to:

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