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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 2010, 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 2010

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# Report of the Presiding Member

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2009/10 Annual report for the Port Pirie Regional Health Service Health Advisory Council.

The Port Pirie Regional Health Service Advisory Council held their Annual General Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009. We were very pleased all resident members confirmed their membership within the committee for another year.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, we had a member of the Community attend a HAC meeting with the possibility of becoming a member. We welcome members of the Port Pirie Community to join our committee.

Over the past twelve months, our HAC committee has been developing our 10 year health plan for the Mid North Cluster. The development of a draft plan was undertaken from July 2009 – June 2010. Extensive community and key stakeholder consultation occurred in the development of the plan. A Draft Mid North 10 Year Health Service Plan, and an Executive Summary and Service Delivery Plan were released by the Health Advisory Councils for a four week period during May 2010. All key stakeholders were contacted to ensure that they had the opportunity to provide feedback to the draft plan and recommended reforms.

The key emerging themes identified through the planning process include:

- > Access to drug and alcohol services in a timely manner.
- > Access to mental health services in a timely manner.
- > Access to and waiting times for medical specialists.
- > Access to health information which is provided in a language which is easily understood by the community in general.
- > Availability, coordination and access to allied health services (i.e. podiatry, physiotherapy) which meets demand.
- > Service planning aligned with national screening programs (i.e. bowel screening programs).
- > A range of health services, including but not exclusive to, accident and emergency, acute inpatient, aged care, allied health, outpatient, primary health care and out of hospital services (based on GP Plus service delivery model principles) to be maintained locally.
- > Services across the Mid North Cluster to promote and maintain an 'aged care friendly' focus.
- > Where it is not possible to have services locally, a flexible, affordable and responsive transport and accommodation option to be available.
- > Ability to maintain a medical, nursing, allied health and volunteer workforce to meet the needs into the future.
- > Access to local dialysis services.
- > Information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure and connectivity, secure messaging, sharing of information across service providers, telehealth and telemedicine into the future are key requirements for health service delivery in the future.
- > Strengthening relationships across government and non government sectors.
- > Cultural respect for Aboriginal people within health services to be maintained and enhanced.

The final 10 year local health service plan has been forwarded to Acting Chief Executive Officer, Country Health SA, for forwarding to the Minister of Health, and was endorsed by

the Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee at their meeting in June 2010. Following approval by Country Health SA and the Minister, the Mid North Cluster will develop an implementation plan for components of the plan which are able to be progressed within existing resources, frameworks and guidelines.

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.

I would also like to thank Roger Kirchner, Director, for his ongoing support with our committee and to our 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
- Mr Greg Fidge

# 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. The Port Hospital will open a new Dialysis Unit on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 which will comprise of 4 chairs for dialysis.

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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# Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993

## **Information Statement**

The *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* provides an opportunity for public interest to be disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency.

There have been nil reports for the 2009-2010 year.