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Hon John Hill MP  
Minister for Health

Dear Minister

In accordance with the *Public Sector Act 2009* and the *Health Care Act 2008*, I am pleased to submit the annual report of *Port Pirie Health Advisory Council* for presentation to Parliament.

This report provides an accurate account of the operations of the *Port Pirie Health Advisory Council* for the financial year ending 30 June 2011, in accordance with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular on Annual Reporting Requirements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Hay'.

Barry Hay  
Presiding Member  
Port Pirie Health Advisory Council  
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# Report of the Presiding Member

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2010-2011 Annual report for the Port Pirie Regional Health Service Health Advisory Council (HAC).

The Port Pirie Regional Health Service Advisory Council held their Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2010. We were very pleased all resident members confirmed their membership within the committee for another year. We are also lucky to have another Community member who has joined our committee.

Over the past twelve months, our Cluster undertook an accreditation with the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS), and we as a Cluster will be accredited. I was extremely impressed with the way the individual sites within our Cluster worked together to receive an outstanding outcome.

In April 2011, Belinda Moyes, Chief Executive Officer, Country Health SA (CHSA) attended a meeting for the four combined HACs to discuss the next steps forward with the 10 year plan. Our HAC was extremely pleased that Belinda was able to visit our region, and listen to the needs of our community.

The Mid North Cluster 10 year health plan has been refined to align with Statewide planning and health reform and was endorsed by the Port Pirie Regional Health Service Advisory Council in March 2011. The plan was forwarded to CHSA for forwarding to the Minister for Health for endorsement.

The Mid North Cluster has been grouped geographically with Lower North, Yorke Peninsula and Barossa to develop a three year implementation plan from the 10 year health plans. A task group for the geographical area has been appointed to guide the development of this plan, which comprises representation from across the Mid North Cluster. An implementation plan is planned to be developed by March 2012.

Works have been ongoing this year with the construction of Hammill House, which is now near to completion.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of our HAC for their ongoing 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:

- Barry Hay
- Sandra Fuchs
- Shirley Hortin
- Dr Andrew Jeyaprakash
- Joseph Paparella
- Elizabeth Sternal
- Greg Fidge
- John Brazel

# 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 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

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 2010-2011 year.