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Hon. Jack Snelling M.P.  
Minister for Health and Ageing

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 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 2013, 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 Service Advisory Council

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## **Report of the Presiding Member**

It is with great pleasure that I present the Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council's 2012-13 Annual Report.

The Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council held its Annual General Meeting on 23 October 2012. We were very pleased all resident members confirmed their membership within the Advisory Council for another year.

The past 12 months have passed by very quickly and members continue to work with our community about the range of health services they require.

In December 2011, the Minister for Health and Ageing visited Port Pirie to officially open the upgrade Hammill House Aged Care facility. Since that time Hammill House has now been allocated 30 licences from the Department of Health and Ageing. I am pleased to note that within the first 12 months, Hammill House has been reviewed and subsequently awarded full accreditation against the 44 aged care standards.

Members have continued their involvement in the 10 year planning process and it is good to see that the plans have now been completed and released publicly. Advisory Council members now look forward to monitoring the implementation of these important pieces of work. The health service is now moving toward the implementation of the first three years of the plan.

This year will see the opening of the GP Plus Health Care Centre after five years of planning. This exciting building development will provide state of the art facilities for the provision of health care services to the community, and hopefully provide extended opening hours, increased private services, video-conferencing of specialist appointments and bring more students to Port Pirie and surrounding areas.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of our Advisory Council for their ongoing commitment to move forward and embrace change which will ensure the best service for our local community.

I wish to also thank the staff of the Port Pirie Regional Health Service for their ongoing commitment to the provision of high quality services to our community.

Barry Hay  
**Presiding Member**

## Role & Function

The Health Advisory Council (HAC) was established by the 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.

In accordance with the requirements of section 17 of the *Health Care Act 2008*, the HAC is governed by a constitution determined by the Minister.

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

The functions of the HAC 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 Local Health Network 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 Local Health Network Inc in the local area.
- > Encourage community participation in programs associated with supporting the provision of health services by Country Health SA Local Health Network 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 Advisory Council during the year were:

- > Barry Hay (Presiding Member)
- > Greg Fidge
- > Sandra Fuchs
- > Shirley Hortin
- > Joseph Paparella
- > Elizabeth Sternal

## Reports

### ***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 2012-13 year.

## 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**

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

### **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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