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Hon John Hill MP
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 2012, 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 2011-12 Annual Report for the Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council.

The Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council held their Annual General Meeting on 25 October 2011. 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 upgraded Hammill House Aged Care facility. It was great to see so many staff, volunteers, residents and community members together for this opening.

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.

Port Pirie Regional Health Service is about to enter another exciting period with the construction of the GP Plus facility commencing shortly. I am sure this facility will provide Port Pirie with an opportunity to further increase the range of services we currently provide.

The Advisory Council was pleased to be asked by the Ward family to work together with them to establish the Melissa Ward Foundation, which will raise money towards initiatives within the Port Pirie Regional Health Service. The first initiative agreed to by both the family and Health Advisory Council is a jointly sponsored annual education scholarship for a staff member to develop further in a cancer/service related field.

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 would also like to thank our Director, Roger Kirchner and his staff for their ongoing support to our Advisory Council and the community.

Barry Hay
Presiding Member

Role & Function

The Advisory Council 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 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 Local Health Network (CHSALHN) 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 CHSALHN in the local area;
- encourage community participation in programs associated with supporting the provision of health services by CHSALHN 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
- Greg Fidge
- Sandra Fuchs
- Shirley Hortin
- Joseph Paparella
- Elizabeth Sternal

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 2011-2012 year.