

Bordertown and District Health Advisory Council Inc.

Local Health Advisory Councils were established under legislation (Health Care Act 2008) to represent the views of their communities within local health services.

In simple terms HAC's are the eyes and ears for health in their communities.

Their role is to:

- > Participate in discussions around health issues
- > Advise and advocate for local health services on behalf of their communities
- > Communicate and consult with their communities and Country Health SA
- > Provide a consumer and community viewpoint in the planning, design and evaluation of local health services

Health Services in our region realise the value of consumer and carer engagement and participation. Involving consumers and carers in health decision making provides an important balance to the views of health professionals.

It is also about making community members more aware of current trends in health care provision and the impact that any proposed changes may have on the delivery of health care.

The Health Advisory Council and its members are representing your community at the local health service level. We are keen to provide opportunities and links that will enable us to share your information and ideas.

The Health Advisory Council in our district is all about giving members of the community the opportunity to have a say about the way in which health services provide for our health care needs.

The Health Advisory Council members meet on a regular basis with their Annual General Meeting held in November annually.

Members of the Health Advisory Council are available to provide information on their role and encourage feedback, comments and suggestions on current issues affecting our health services.

We are available to attend existing local community groups or forums to raise awareness of services and receive feedback, comments and suggestions from these groups. We can hold group meetings about particular issues or concerns if requested by people living within our communities.



Our ongoing role is to:

- > **Advise** on the health service needs, priorities and issues within and outside of their local area with particular emphasis upon those issues in the context of consumers of health services, carers and volunteers.
- > **Ascertain** the health needs of the community and the attitude of the community to the development of health services within the community.
- > **Advocate** on behalf of the community with Country Health SA Hospital Inc to support the planning and provision of health services as part of an integrated state wide health system for the benefit of the community.
- > **Request** and receive information from the relevant Country Health SA hospitals and health services to inform future planning and service provision.
- > **Engage** in planning and evaluation processes.
- > **Manage** the assets of the Bordertown Memorial Hospital and the fund (Gift Fund) for donations received from members of the public, to invest or expend as per the donors request for the Bordertown Memorial Hospital.

Donations can be made in two ways, being either a Tax Deductible gift in your life time, or as a bequest to be paid by your estate. Either way, you will have the comfort of knowing that your gift is being managed by the Bordertown and District Health Advisory Council Inc for the Bordertown Memorial Hospital.