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# Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council **2017-18 Annual Report**

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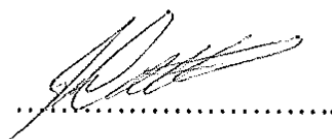
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To:  
Hon Stephen Wade MLC  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the *Health Care Act 2008* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council  
by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Cotter', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Joanne Cotter  
Presiding Member

28 September 2018

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## **Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987***

### **Agency purpose or role**

The Health Advisory Council was established by the then 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.

The constitution is available at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/LeighCreek>

### **Objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Legislation administered by the agency**

The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Organisation of the agency**

Health Advisory Councils in country South Australia undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community. The Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council) acts as an 'umbrella body' for other Health Advisory Councils, providing advice from a whole of country perspective.

Regional Presiding Member representatives also come together as the Presiding Members Panel to facilitate communication exchange between the local Health Advisory Councils and the Governing Council.

Membership of the Health Advisory Council can include:

- Up to eight community members
- Nominee of Local Government
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- A medical practitioner member
- A worker from Country Health SA Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/LeighCreek>

### **Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)**

Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc

Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc (Governing Council)

Hawker Memorial District Health Advisory Council

Port Augusta/Roxby Downs Health Advisory Council

Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council

### **Employment opportunity programs**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Agency performance management and development systems**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

### **Work health and safety and return to work performance**

The Health Advisory Council consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

## Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Nil	0

## Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Health Advisory Councils have specific functions and powers as defined in the *Health Care Act 2008* and the Constitution (for incorporated Health Advisory Councils or Rules (for non incorporated Health Advisory Councils), including actions that cannot be undertaken without the approval of the Minister.

Health Advisory Councils are instrumentalities of the Crown and subject to relevant Department of Treasury and Finance Treasurers Instructions.

The Constitutions / Rules identify the actions to be undertaken in the event of a conflict of interest. All declared conflicts of interest are reported to the Minister for Health through Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc.

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

## Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993*

0

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

## Executive employment in the agency

The Health Advisory Committee consists of volunteers who undertake an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

## Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
<b>Consultancies below \$10,000 each</b>		
Nil		0
<b>Consultancies above \$10,000 each</b>		
Nil		0
<b>Total all consultancies</b>		\$ 0

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

## Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Contractor	Purpose	Value
Nil		0

Data for the past year is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/country-health-sa-local-health-network>

The details of all South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [here](#).

The website also provides details of Across government contracts [here](#).

### **Financial performance of the agency**

As the Health Advisory Council is unincorporated, its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of Country Health SA Local Health Network Health Advisory Council Inc.

### **Other financial information**

Nil.

### **Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions**

Nil.



## Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

### Health Care Act 2008

Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

Firstly I would like to recognise the dedication and commitment that David Pinkerton had to the Leigh Creek Health Advisory Council and the community prior to his passing away earlier this year.

As a result of David's death a special meeting was held by the Health Advisory Council and I was selected to become the Presiding Member.

It is well known the change that has occurred over the past few years in Leigh Creek and these changes continue. The Clinic closed as a hospital in March 2017, and the model continues. A recent survey of consumers who use the clinic showed a very high satisfaction with the way the service is functioning.

The General Practitioner continues to visit once a week and the Pharmacy service continues. Reports I hear is that the Medical Practice is always very busy on consulting days, but that all that need to be seen, are being seen.

Concerns for the future of the service include the ongoing agreement with the General Practitioner for the visiting service and the related Pharmacy service. It is understood that the agreement is until the end of 2018, and although discussions have been held with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, no clear direction has yet to be announced.

The other concern is in regards to the ongoing Ambulance Service. Volunteers for SA Ambulance Service are difficult to recruit and although SA Ambulance Service do provide trained staff occasionally, it is spasmodic at best, with a reliance on one to two volunteers, plus support from clinic staff to maintain an ambulance service.

Actual Health Advisory Meetings are increasingly difficult to schedule, with membership decreasing as the population decreases. Discussion did occur regarding the ongoing future of the Health Advisory Council but it was decided to continue for the moment.

I would like to specifically thank the staff of the clinic, the nurses, the ancillary staff and Ashley Parkinson as the Director of Nursing, who continually keep the Health Advisory Council informed of happenings at the clinic and the future of the service as much as possible.

Joanne Cotter

### Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not Applicable.

## **Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman**

A whole of SA Health response will be provided in the 2017-18 Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report, which can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/publications+and+resources>

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/resources/country-health-sa-local-health-network>