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To:

Hon Stephen Wade MLC

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *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 Port Lincoln Health Advisory Council by:

Harry Miller

Presiding Member

Date 15/09/2021

Signature



From the Presiding Member

It has been some sort of a year with many things happening throughout the health industry and being involved in the work of our committee and our relationship with the Eyre and Far North Local Hospital Network (EFNLHN).

We thank the leadership of Verity Paterson, EFNLHN Chief Executive Officer and her Executive team, to Jamie Siviour and Bruce Green co-chairs of the Clinical and Community Engagement Committee, although Bruce has resigned/retired from his time working across the health sector and Michele Smith as Chairperson.

Our committee and its members have worked and coped with the many businesses tabled and to comply with the requirements set before us. As part of the overall development of the department we have been involved in the development of the strategic plan for the Clinical and Community Engagement Committee and enjoyed working with many professionals and community agencies to develop this document also the team associated with the Planning and Population Rural Support Unit (Bronwyn Venning as our connection). We have also participated in the development of the South Australian Local Hospital Network business plan along with all over HAC committees in the state, a working document for us all to achieve quality outcomes for our people and communities.

A major task that we had been aware of for some time was that we were an unincorporated body but eventually under the Minister's authority we will become incorporated early in 2021-22, which has caused concern and debates relating to our roles and responsibilities as committee members. This process will allow us to work more closely with staff on the EFNLHN and engage with other agencies to support community programs and projects as well as supporting developments within the hospital and the workforce.

We had one major project and thank Ms Susie Betts for her artwork, design and story as part of a Mural on the Port Lincoln Hospital wall along the entry to the wards of the hospital.

We have had discussion about major area for development like the Chemotherapy rooms, further equipment that will help people in need stay home rather than having to travel to other area for assessments and services to support patient journeys, these needs are also identified in the business plans as well.

With challenges come change ,and as community volunteers providing support, community advice and connection to committees like our and its committees like ours, that lose people as members due to their personal and more their professional position and we are not immune to this type of movement. I would like to acknowledge to time, and energy people have given to the PLHAC and wish them all the best in the future.

Dr David Lam, Jane Cooper, Scott Daily and Eveline Linker your time with us has been appreciated and it is without doubt our community and the health industry will benefit from you all today and into the future. We also wish to say thank you to Bruce Green who has had a long journey with the PLHAC committee and involvement in community capacity development. Also a huge thank you to Danielle Helliard as our executive officer who kept our business rolling and all administration practices under control.

The biggest issue that has confronted the world and here in Australia is the COVID – 19 pandemic. Our front-line workers have been working tirelessly not only to ensure that the spread on the disease is under control and that all other service our met as best they can given how services are delivered across the state and states. We receive daily information when issue are of major concerns and timely information when we have things under some control agencies like Primary Health Networks, all LHNs across the state and local agencies that have responsibility to address the process and procedures again to ensure our communities and their people are safe.

To date we could say our region and its people have been lucky but it is no reason to become complacent, we must support the initiative outlined by our frontline people, we must all be part of sharing the information about the vaccination and benefits, we must stand up and make a choice about whether we as individual will be vaccinated so some form of community normality can be returned to society.

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We love and respect the achievements, competencies, trust and commitment of all front-line workers and the multiple agencies that we entrust to achieve health outcomes for our people/s. without your ongoing passion we all achieve less.

As the business continues we still need community input from all levels and seek individuals to participate in the health journey of our peoples and their communities, we thank Andrew Hentschke for bringing to us information about his local community Lock and the commitment of his community and district, it clearly shows you don't have to be large to achieve.

I would like to finally thank those members that are here today and continue the quest to improving health outcomes across all sector and for working constructively with changes occurring now and into the future. Thank you all and good luck to each community that we maintain health and well-being for all as we still have work to do and better things to deliver.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Miller', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Harry Miller

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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	<p>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.</p> <p>The constitution is available at: http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/PortLincolnHAC</p>
Our Vision	Not applicable
Our Values	Not applicable
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	The Health Advisory Council undertakes an advocacy role on behalf of the community.

Our organisational structure

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 the Local Health Network

A list of current members is available at:

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

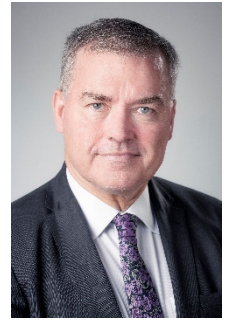
Changes to the agency

During 2020- 21 there were no changes to the agency’s structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

Hon Stephen Wade MLC is the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in South Australia.

The Minister oversees health, wellbeing, mental health, ageing well, substance abuse and suicide prevention.



Our Executive team

Not applicable

Legislation administered by the agency

Not applicable

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Ceduna District Health Services Health Advisory Council Inc.

Eastern Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Far North Health Advisory Council

Lower Eyre Health Advisory Council Inc.

Mid-West Health Advisory Council Inc.

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

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

Agency response to COVID-19

Not applicable.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	Not applicable
Lower costs	Not applicable
Better Services	Not applicable

Agency specific objectives and performance

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

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Not applicable		

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

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

Performance management and development system	Performance
Not applicable	

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Not applicable

Executive employment in the agency

Not applicable

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

Port Lincoln HAC was unincorporated in 2020-21, so its assets and liabilities are included in the financial reports of the (Country Health SA) Gift Fund Trust Annual Report 2020-21.

Consultants disclosure

Not applicable.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	Not applicable

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors disclosure

Not applicable.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	Not applicable

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		

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

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

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Not applicable

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
Not applicable	

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

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 and Wellbeing through Eyre and Far North Local Health Network Inc.

Public interest disclosure

Not applicable.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Health Care Act 2008	Part 4 Health Advisory Councils, Division 2 Functions and Powers, 18 Functions

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

An Eyre and Far North Local Health Network response will be provided in the 2020-21 Eye and Far North Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

Service Improvements

Not applicable.

Compliance Statement

Not applicable

Port Lincoln Health Advisory Council is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	Y
Port Lincoln Health Advisory Council has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency’s related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	Y

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2020-21

Port Lincoln HAC was unincorporated in 2020-21; its assets and liabilities are included in the (Country Health SA) Gift Fund Trust Annual Report 2020-21.