

HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dimensions of CHSA – Riverton

Fact Sheet - July 2009

1. Riverton is approximately 93 kilometres by road from Adelaide and approximately 45 kilometres South of Clare. The catchment area surrounds the townships of Riverton and Saddleworth.
2. The resident population (2006 Census) is 2,740.
3. People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background comprise 0.9% of the population catchment, compared with 1.7% of the total SA population.
4. The projected population for the catchment area is estimated to increase by approximately 12% by the year 2021.
5. A medical bus service operates on weekdays (except Thursday's) to Adelaide for residents of Clare, Riverton and surrounding towns. The Mid North Community Passenger Network, supported by volunteers, provides access to transport for disadvantaged people, the aged and infirm. The Yorke Peninsula Coaches bus service operates services from Orroroo to Adelaide return, stopping in Clare, Saddleworth, Riverton, Tarlee and Gawler. The service operates on weekdays and Sunday's.
6. The proportion of people aged 0-14 for the catchment area is 19.3%, compared with the total of country SA of 20.4% and total SA 18.5%.
7. The proportion of people aged 15-64 for the catchment area is 62.1%, compared with the total of country SA of 63.8% and total SA 66.1%.
8. The proportion of people aged 65-84 for the catchment area is 16.4%, compared with the total of country SA of 13.9% and total SA 13.4%.
9. The proportion of people aged over 85 years for the catchment area is 2.1%, compared with the total of country SA of 1.8% and total SA 2%.
10. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing makes up 32.2% of total employment with Health Care and Social Assistance making up 10.4%.
11. The broader Clare Valley catchment area has an average number of visitors (over the years 2005-2007) of 173,000 overnight visitors and 274,000 domestic same day visitors per annum.
12. In the 2007/08 financial year the total number of people who were admitted as an inpatient for at least one night in Riverton Hospital was 253 and a further 76 were admitted as sameday patients.



13. The highest percentage of hospital inpatient activity for 2007-08 is for persons aged 65 years and over (53.5%), followed by 45-64 years (25.5%), and 25-44 years (10.3%).
14. The percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons admitted for 2007-08 is 0.3%.
15. The top 5 reasons for admission (in terms of overnight bed days) include: Respiratory Medicine, General Medicine, Orthopaedics, Gastroenterology and Cardiology.
16. 708 people visited the Emergency Department (ED) during 2007/08.
17. Births information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is available only at an SLA level. There were 117 births in 2007 for people living in the Clare & Gilbert Valley SLA (including deliveries both in and outside the catchment area).
18. In May 2008, the total workforce for the combined Riverton and Balaklava health services was 102 people which equates to 69.09 full-time equivalents (FTEs). Of those FTE, 56.1% were 'Nurses Award', 10.9% were 'PS Salaried Employees' and 33.0% were 'Health Ancillary'. The General Practitioner medical workforce are in private practice and are not included in these counts.
19. A broad range of health services are available which include:
 - > Low and High Residential Aged Care Services
 - > Acute inpatient care
 - > 24 hour, 7 day per week Accident & Emergency
 - > Outpatient Services
 - > Palliative Care (hospital and community based)
 - > Domiciliary Care
 - > Diversional Activities (Day Care Centres)
 - > Allied Health Services
 - > Mental Health Services
 - > Community Health and Out of Hospital services
 - > Access to medical services (GPs)

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