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ADVISORY COUNCIL
2020-21 Annual Report**

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2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT for the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council

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 the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, the *Health Care Act 2008* and 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 Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council by:

Brian Higgins

Presiding Member

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Date 30 September 2021

Signature

From the Presiding Member

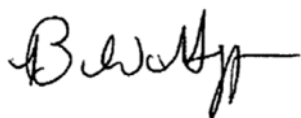
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council (SFHAC) was held on 26 November 2020 virtually through Microsoft Teams. Catherine Klingner and John Slattery from Crystal Brook, plus Colin Raison from Gladstone, retired from SFHAC at the AGM. Richard Stumpf, also from Crystal Brook, retired during the year. We thank these members for their service over the years and welcome new members - Jo Grossman and Shane Kirk from Crystal Brook and Phillip Heaslip from Wirrabara. Continuing community members are Brian Higgins (Presiding Member), Colleen Slattery, Lorraine Griffin and Robyn Johnson (Laura). Bronny Perry continues as staff representative with Kathy Webb as the Local Government representative from the Northern Areas Council and Tim Zander as Local Member of Parliament Representative. Dr. Helen Robertson continues as the Medical representative.

We are progressing down the path to Incorporation, which will be completed in the near future.

Projects funded by the SFHAC this year include:

- A contribution towards the cost of window shutters at the Gladstone Health Centre.
- Contributed to the cost of improved keypad access to the Aged Care and Services Staff doors at the Laura and District Hospital.
- Paid architect's fees in relation to planning study for the Laura and District Hospital Accident and Emergency Upgrade.

In the last 12 months, the SFHAC has been part of the consultation and planning of the upgrade to the Accident and Emergency Department at the Laura and District Hospital.



Brian Higgins

Presiding Member

Southern Flinders Health Advisory Council

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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: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SouthernFlindersHAC</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
- One Local Government nominee
- A local Member of Parliament or their nominee
- Up to two medical practitioner members
- One employee from the Crystal Brook and District Hospital or the Laura District Hospital.

A list of current members is available at:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SouthernFlindersHAC

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)

Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc

Balaklava Riverton Health Advisory Council Inc

Mid North Health Advisory Council Inc

Lower North Health Advisory Council Inc

Northern Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory Council Inc

Port Broughton District Health Advisory Council Inc

Port Pirie Health Service Advisory Council

Yorke Peninsula 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 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

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Not applicable		

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Performance
Not applicable	

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

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

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

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

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$ 0

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

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yorke-and-northern-local-health-network-ynlhn>

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$ 0

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

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Not applicable		\$ 0
	Total	\$ 0

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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 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 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yorke-and-northern-local-health-network-ynlhn>

Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yorke-and-northern-local-health-network-ynlhn>

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

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

- *Act as an advocate to promote the interests of the community.*
- *Provide advice about relevant aspect of the provision of health services, and relevant health issues, goals, priorities, plans and strategic initiatives.*
 - In the last 12 months, the SFHAC has been part of the consultation and planning of the upgrade to the Accident and Emergency Department at Laura and District Hospital.
- *Encourage community participation in programs.*
 - We continue to report SFHAC activities in local community newsletters in an effort to improve communication with residents of the area and raise the profile of the HAC.
- *Provide advice about the management of resources for health services; and provide assistance with fundraising activities (unincorporated HAC).*
 - Projects funded by SFHAC in the 2020-21 financial year include:
 - A contribution towards the cost of window shutters at Gladstone Health Centre.
 - A contribution towards the cost of improved key-pad access to the Aged Care and Services staff doors at Laura and District Hospital
 - Architect’s fees in relation to planning study for Laura and District Hospital Accident and Emergency Department upgrade.

Reporting required under the *Carers’ Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

A whole of SA Health response will be provided in the 2020-21 Department for Health and Wellbeing Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

A Regional Health Network response will be provided in the 2020-21 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [SA Health website](#).

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2020-21
Not applicable			

Additional Metrics	Total
Not applicable	

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yorke-and-northern-local-health-network-ynlhn>

Service Improvements

A whole of Yorke and Northern Local Health Network response is provided in the 2020-21 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [Yorke and Northern Local Health Network website](#)

Compliance Statement

A whole of Yorke and Northern Local Health Network response is provided in the 2020-21 Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Annual Report, which can be accessed on the [Yorke and Northern Local Health Network website](#)