

Our Service Planning Advisory Group



Mannum District Hospital service planning

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network are committed to delivering safe, high-quality, holistic services that improve health and wellbeing for all in our local communities. Service planning is an essential part of achieving this. The Mannum Service Planning Advisory Group was established in October 2022 to develop a service plan for the next 5-10yrs and beyond for the Mannum community its and surrounding areas.

We want to learn from our consumers, our community, our partners and our staff. What we learn in our planning process will be at the heart of the decisions we make with our advisory group guiding the process. The advisory group includes members from the Health Advisory Council, staff, health service leaders, staff from the Rural Support Service, Mid Murray council, Mannum Medical GP practice as well as representation from a number of key organisations in the community.

Some individuals and organisations representing the community include:



Day Parkhurst Executive Officer/Director of Nursing, Mannum and Karoonda Hospitals

Day is an experienced registered nurse, having worked in both metropolitan and regional areas, as well as internationally, in a career spanning 45 years. She is an experienced leader with a passion for health care that services the needs of the community.



Brad Birleson (Executive Director Community & Allied Health, Riverland Mallee Coorong LHN)

Brad Birleson is the Executive Director Community & Allied Health for the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network. Brad is a local who lives in the region and is passionate about improving our health services. Brad manages a diverse portfolio of programs for the LHN and is excited to share this broad experience to support the project.







Sharon Wingard (Director Aboriginal Health, Riverland Mallee Coorong LHN)

Sharon has lived and worked in Murray Bridge for most of her life and has been working in Health for 30 years. Her passions are Aboriginal employment and ensuring culturally safe access to health services.



Jenni London (presiding Health Advisory Council Member)

As the Presiding Member of the Mannum Hospital Health Advisory Council (HAC), I am honored to represent our community in advocating for health care in the region. I became involved with the HAC as a family carer/volunteer with the Hospital's Aged Care Unit in support of the care and commitment extended by Hospital staff to residents of the Unit. As a volunteer with three other organisations in our region, it is helpful to share local knowledge and be aware of community issues.





Dr Sonia Schutz (Mannum Medical General Practitioner)

Dr Sonia Schutz is one of the principles of the Mannum Medical Centre and has been living and working at Mannum since 2003. Sonia and her family are actively involved in the community including with the local Lutheran church. She enjoys all aspects of medicine, but in particular aged care, palliative care, women's health and chronic illness.

Sonia supports the Mannum District Hospital seeing patients within the emergency department (including afterhours emergencies) and those admitted. She also visits the Aminya nursing home to run weekly clinics for the residents and supports the Karoonda hospital by telehealth.





Fiona Friebel (Nurse Unit Manager, Mannum Hospital)

Fiona lives locally with her husband and two children and started in Mannum as a graduate nurse in 2011. Since this time she has continued to grow and develop herself in her role and as the NUM of Mannum District Hospital. Fiona has a passion for rural health and being able to meet the needs of the Mannum community and its surrounds.



Simone Bailey (Mayor Mid Murray Council)

Simone brings experience in Local Government, Financial Management and Aged Care. She has lived in Mannum for 16 years.





Paula Parker (SA Ambulance Services, Team Leader Lower Murray Mallee)

Paula has worked for SA Ambulance service for over 30 years. The Past 12 years working in the local area as a Team Leader, working alongside a diverse range of health providers delivering services to the community.

Working in the pre-hospital environment in a various range of areas gives a unique perspective as to the needs of the local community. Having a collaborative approach in understanding the requirements of the local community will facilitate providing service for the optimal health care required.

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Other members of the Mannum Service Planning Advisory Group:

- Karen Hollitt (Executive Director Nursing and Midwifery, RMCLHN)
- Simon Moody (Director Mental Health RMCLHN)
- Tania Vandepeer (Allied Health Professional Lead, RMCLHN)
- Chrissy Eleftheriadis (Rehabilitation and Aged Care Operations Manager, RMCLHN)
- Kirstie Pym (Practice Manager, Mannum Medical)
- Ranae Wakefield (Enrolled Nurse, Mannum District Hospital)
- Gary Pentland (SAAS, Operations Manager)
- Jenny Knevitt (Administration Officer, Mannum District Hospital)
- Deb Schutz (Service Design Consultant, Planning and Population Health, Rural Support Service)
- Ben Scales (CEO, Mid Murray Council)
- Dr Paul Worley (Executive Director Clinical Innovation, RMCLHN)

If you have any questions about the service planning process please feel free to contact a member of the advisory group or Day Parkhurst (EO/DON) at the Mannum District Hospital.

For more information

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