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Hon. Jay Weatherill

In response to your letter dated 8 July 2014, to the Leigh Creek Health Services Health Advisory Council (LCHSHAC), we would like to respond as to why you should not reform South Australian Government Boards and Committees.

The LCHSHAC strive to achieve and help our community of Leigh Creek and surrounding areas in various related health and other issues.

We have been operating for numerous amounts of years efficiently and financially at low costs; our last year's financial costs were well under our budget of \$5000.

As outlined we submit to you the requested information regarding the effectiveness of our roles both financially and as a conduit between our community members which cannot be done any other way. The volunteers on the HAC are part of their community, known by the people, are approachable with an understanding of living in a remote area and the challenges this presents.

Our Advisory Council is a very pro-active committee, we also carry out bi-monthly Informal meetings at various smaller communities (i.e. Marree, Nepabunna, Beltana, Copley and Lyndhurst), to bring together their ideas and needs for the Health Service. These communities wholly rely on the operation of the Leigh Creek Health Service. Most of the communities here are dependent on their hospitals being opened 24/7 as accidents and illness are not restricted to office hours especially in relation to mining shifts, children and the large tourist presence.

One of the issues in accessing the "Your Say" website for individuals is the lack of availability of broadband communications and mobile access. A further issue is the very reason for our role as conduits for community members, to intercede for those who may not have the confidence to complain directly to a government website.

Further to these issues is the chronic disease component of the health care required here, targeting aboriginal communities, and mining personnel with Fly in, Fly Out components, the children and elderly.

In order to counter these issues, the 10 year plan was implemented with a 4 year plan within that time frame, to focus our energies on what was relevant to our specific communities. We decided to go out to all the communities to consult with the health service consumers, in a primary health care model, to ascertain any specific issues they experience. Our role to provide health care information was identified as a major component, giving rise to the production of a newsletter.

"Community Pulse" included:

- health information as highlighted on the SA Health website
- the special health related 'weeks' and specific days, such as Diabetes week, emergency asthma details, the EPAS system, red nose day, Beyond Blue packs,
- Audits which were relevant within the hospital eg. Falls prevention
- when meetings were to be held
- doctor's and allied health visits
- new hospital staff
- news from HAC meetings

This newsletter was available to the wider community via local businesses, post offices, emailed to outlying communities and printed in the local newsletter.

Consulting & Specialists
Waiting Services 2014

Each month a panel of Allied Health Professionals will be on hand (subject to provide free of charge support) if you need it. To make an appointment please call the following numbers

1200 790 117 (Physio, Podiatrist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Pathologist, Dietitian and Diabetes Educator)

7099 733 209 (Child & Youth Health)

800 578 884 (Child & Adolescent Mental Health)

Friday 27th Aug 2014
 Podiatrist, Physio, CHSA, CAMHS & Pharmacy

Wednesday - 10th Sept 2014
 Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, CYHS & Speech Pathologist

Friday 26th Sept 2014
 General Practitioner, Podiatrist, CHSA Mental Health & CHSA

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services; CHSA Mental Health Worker; CYHS (Child & Youth Health)

Health & Wellbeing program co-ordinator is, Kim Johnson and can be contacted at the hospital on 800 578 884. If you require any further information.

If you need to see a staff member in relation to your health professional please contact the health service and complete a request form. If you have any concerns in regards to your health please contact
 Contact: 800 578 884

Doctors

Surgery hours

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm
 Wednesday 9:00am to 1:30pm
 Closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Ph: 8675 2016 Fax: 8675 2729
 Email: lcreception@actlv8.net.au

Locum Times for August-September 2014

Dr Bruce Alcorn 22 Aug - 5 Sept
 Dr Geoff Cox 5 Sept - 12 Sept
 Dr Alan Kohli 12 Sept - 19 Sept
 Dr Clive Hume 19 Sept - 26 Sept
 Dr Alan Kohli 26 Sept - 10 Oct

Dentist

Dr Scott Davies consults each fortnight either on Friday or Saturday in Leigh Creek. Please make appointments through the Doctors Surgery on 86 752 018

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Community Pulse
August - September

Daffodil Day
GET INVOLVED

This year Cancer Council's Daffodil Day is on **Friday 22 August**. Please make time to get involved to show you care about health. You can pin, make a donation, sell flowers.

Cancer Council Daffodil Day

Visit the Cancer Council website for more information on www.cancer.org.au

SHOW YOU CARE
 CANCER COUNCIL SA
 100 WILSON STREET
 LEIGH CREEK SA 5731

2014

Leigh Creek Health to you and your community

HAC News

At the end of the year, and proposed dates that HAC members will be coming out to you in your community.

Please see below when we will be in your community so you can come along and let us know what your concerns are regarding health care.

2014 Meeting Schedules


BELTANA	27th August
LEIGH CREEK	23rd Sept
LEIGH CREEK AGM	26th November
LEIGH CREEK GENERAL	26th November

HAC MEMBERS:
 Denise Beach (Presiding Member), Jane Andrew, Phillip Kesteven, David Nils, David Penkerton, Tanya Ford, Brian Ford, Roger Johnson, Wayne Craft and Matthew Walls

PLEASE NOTE:
 The HAC will be absent on leave until 23rd September 2014. During this time health care will be being Clinical Service Co-ordinator

Enjoying Mental Health means having a sense of wellbeing. 10 tips to boost your wellbeing and staying mentally healthy.

- Connect with others
- Take time to enjoy
- Participate and share interests
- Contribute to your community
- Take care of yourself
- Challenge yourself
- Deal with stress
- Rest and refresh
- Notice the here and now
- Ask for help




For more information visit:
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Reminder about Blood Tests

Please ring hospital to make an appointment to have your blood taken on 86786922

Available Tuesday to Friday - Before 8:30am



ANTE-NATAL GROUP

Where: Leigh Creek Health Service
 When: 10th & 17th September
 Via Video Conference


If you would like to attend please make a booking by calling the Health Service on 08 86786922

WATERLOO & DOCTORS GROUP

Leigh Creek Hospital is looking at ways to improve services to Pre-Natal & Post-Natal Care.

When: Thursday 4th of September
 Where: Leigh Creek Taverna
 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

For More Information Please call the Leigh Creek Health Service on 08 8678 6922



Further to our role was the following:-

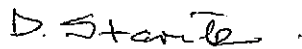
- Participated on selection panel for Director of Eyre and Northern Health Service
- With partnership of local school students, a DVD showing service delivery was developed and placed in the main waiting foyer of the hospital. Purchase of Monitor and installation being the only cost involved.
- Liaise with Pika Wiya Aboriginal Health Service personnel.
- Room-naming using Adnyamathanha language for the Hospital and Doctors' Surgery
- Community consultation at outlying communities which use the health service, at Nepabunna, Lyndhurst, Marree, Beltana and Copley. In these sessions we provide information regarding our role and direction, decisions made within the formal meetings and health care information in the form of pamphlets from SA Health. Most importantly, we were there to listen to community members regarding their concerns or ideas on health related issues.
- Identification via workshops of 4 main health issues within the 10 year plan to concentrate our efforts of understanding and implementation of strategies
- Development of an orientation package for new members
- Participation at Strategic Planning Consultation for area

Disbanding our Advisory Council will make it very hard for our community and surrounding area to obtain the information and help that we provide voluntarily and well within our budgeting guidelines.

If you wish to discuss our Advisory Council further please do not hesitate to contact the Presiding Member, Dianne Starick.

Kind Regards

Leigh Creek Health Service Health Advisory Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Starick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Presiding Member
Dianne Starick

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Hon Jay Weatherill MP
Premier of South Australia

Ms Dianne Starick
Presiding Member
Leigh Creek Health Advisory Council
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Dear Ms Starick

Thank you for your letter received 16 September 2014 to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, about the Boards and Committees reform.

Your letter has been sent to the Minister for Health, the Hon Jack Snelling MP, as this matter falls within his portfolio responsibility.

Should you have any queries about your letter, please contact the Minister's office on telephone 8463 6270.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Fowler'.

**Premier's Correspondence Unit
Office of the Premier**

16 September 2014

cc: Office of the Hon Jack Snelling MP, Minister for Health