

Media Release

Have your say on local health

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Local people with an interest in health, wellbeing and health care are invited to support Murray PHN to establish Community Advisory Councils across their region. Community members are encouraged to attend one of the 13 planned consultation forums occurring through April and May and apply for membership to the Community Advisory Councils.

Murray PHN is asking the community to share their knowledge of existing local networks and strengths in the current advisory system arrangements to help inform the structure, membership and catchment areas of the Murray PHN Community Advisory Councils, due for establishment from July 2016.

Murray PHN commenced operation in July 2015 and are focused on improving health outcomes of communities in their region which spans from Mildura to Woodend and across to the Murray River towns of Albury and Wodonga.

Murray PHN Chief Executive Officer Matt Jones said that improved health outcomes for the region are high priority for Murray PHN.

“We are keen to hear local feedback and input to ensure that decisions, investments and innovations are patient centred, locally relevant, and cost effective and are aligned to local health priorities.

“To do this we are establishing Community Advisory Councils. A combination of perspectives are important to assist in planning, design, system change and advisory decisions in order to meet our objectives”, he said.

Members of the community are invited to share their thoughts on the establishment of the councils or apply for a position in one of the councils across the region. Input from these consultation sessions will inform the number and geographical coverage of each advisory council.

The role of the Community Advisory Councils will be to provide the Murray PHN Board with locally relevant perspectives and recommendations on local health needs and innovations to address health issues. The council will work collaboratively with the Board, the Population Health Planning Advisory Council and the Clinical Advisory Council.

The shape, structure and contribution for the selection of the Community Advisory Councils will be informed by information generated through the consultation forums discussions.

“Community Advisory Councils will be a critical platform and avenue for community to have a voice in the design of improved and responsive models of care”, said Mr Jones.

For further information, to register your interest or complete a survey if you are unable to attend, go to murrayphn.org.au/about/community-advisory-council

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