

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

## December 2016

Murray PHN is pleased to release its first Report to the Community, now available on at [murrayphn.org.au/about/corporate-documents](http://murrayphn.org.au/about/corporate-documents)

As one of six PHNs in Victoria and 31 established across Australia by the Federal Government, our role is to:

- increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients; particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes, and
- improve coordination of care to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

In its first 15 months of operation, Murray PHN has implemented Murray HealthPathways, a free clinical online referral tool for GPs; established an advisory council structure of more than 60 members to capture regional clinical and community input; and worked on multiple projects in partnership with GPs, hospitals and other health organisations across our region.

Chief Executive Officer Matt Jones said the opportunity for improving patient health outcomes in Murray PHN communities was very exciting.

“Through innovative partnerships, we can commission new service provider arrangements that are effective, efficient and equitable, he said.

“We can construct new and collaborative models of care that involve consumers and patients from the beginning, rather than focusing on them at the end point in care.

We have been in operation since 1 July 2015 and in that time have strategically refocused our services from Medicare Locals to Primary Health Networks, We have developed new capabilities and relationships, and prepared to make key investments in new models of commissioning.”

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