

MEDIA RELEASE

New Advisory Council members named

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Murray PHN is pleased to welcome the newly appointed members of our 2018-2020 Clinical and Community Advisory Councils, who will support us in our work for the next two years.

Our **Clinical Advisory Council**, which covers the entire Murray PHN region, has 13 members drawn from general practice, regional hospitals and health services, clinical specialists and allied health practitioners. Members are regionally based – Central Victoria (CV), North West Victoria (NW), Goulburn Valley (GV) and North East Victoria (NE).

The Clinical Advisory Council members are:

- Dr Richard Bills, general practitioner (CV)
- Dr John Buckley, general practitioner (NW)
- Jade Cartwright, nurse (NE)
- Kathryn Cunning, nurse (CV)
- Susan Kennett, community health (CV)
- Angela Lawrence, pharmacist (NE)
- Dr Naomi Malone, psychologist (CV)
- Paula Noble, hospital executive (NW)
- Dr Mark Savage, specialist (CV)
- Catherine Sambell, occupational therapist (NE)
- Dr William Walton, general practitioner (NE)
- Susan Watson, social worker (NW) and
- Emma Williamson, community services manager (GV)

Our four **Community Advisory Councils** are based in our major centres– Mildura, Bendigo, Shepparton and Albury.

The new members of our Community Advisory Council in **North West Victoria** are:

- Wendy Buteux, Birchip/Swan Hill
- Lois O'Callaghan, Mildura West
- Jack Forbes, Mildura West
- Heather Macklin, Colignan
- Allison McTaggart, Mildura, and
- Amy Nash, Red Cliffs

The new members of our Community Advisory Council in **Central Victoria** are:

- Geoff Barrett, Kyneton
- Sharon Walsh, Elmore
- Dianne Bowles, Mead
- Sara Blatchford, Bendigo
- Wayne McKay, Heathcote
- Emily Condon, Kyneton, and
- Jeff Bray, Rochester

The new members of our Community Advisory Council in **Goulburn Valley** are:

- Kim Fitzgerald, Youanmite
- Jemma Hansen, Katunga
- Joanne Kinder, Shepparton
- Dr Menon Parameswaran, Shepparton
- Jaimie Poorter, Seymour
- Betul Tuna, Shepparton, and
- Kate Wright, Cobram

The new members of our Community Advisory Council in **North East Victoria** are:

- Jillian Craig, Thurgoona NSW
- Carmel Hicks, Lavington NSW
- Peter Hopper, Bright
- Kym Loechel, Wangaratta
- David McCourt, Talmalmo NSW
- Kim Scanlon, Molyullah, and
- Karina Walker, Benalla

Murray PHN CEO, Matt Jones, said these five councils would join the existing Indigenous Health Advisory Council and our Population Health Advisory Council.

“Our advisory councils all play an important role in helping us work towards better health outcomes for people in our catchment,” he said. “We are delighted to have both new and returning council members, with an inspiring mix of skills, experience and ideas.”

The first meetings of councils are being held this week.

Background

The responsibilities of our Advisory Councils are outlined in their Terms of Reference.

The **Clinical Advisory Council** provides strategic leadership and clinical expertise to enable improvement in clinical models and health service delivery, tailored to the specific needs of local communities.

- To provide a clinical perspective to Murray PHN Board to ensure that decisions, investments, and innovations are patient-centred, cost effective, locally relevant and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.
- To provide strategic advice and make recommendations from a clinical perspective to support Murray PHN to plan and deliver health services that result in the delivery of quality care.
- To reinforce the ongoing need for joined-up planning and service system.
- To identify additional opportunities for Murray PHN to meet its strategic priorities in the region.

The **Community Advisory Council** provides locally relevant perspectives on local needs and potential innovations that address health priorities.

- To provide a community perspective to the Murray PHN Board to ensure that decisions, investments, and innovations are patient centred, cost effective, locally relevant, and aligned to local care experiences and expectations.
- To provide strategic advice and make recommendations from a community and consumer perspective to support Murray PHN to plan and deliver health services that supports quality care.
- To reinforce and support mechanisms that support joined up planning across a service system, inclusive of community perspective and insight.
- To identify additional opportunities for Murray PHN to meet its strategic priorities in the respective region.

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