

Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory News January to September 2017

This year has flown for the YP HAC, with several major projects coming to completion.

After lengthy negotiations, the block of land on Weaner Street Yorketown was sold with the proceeds being held for upgrading and repairs to the Yorketown Hospital. Following on from this, negotiations are underway to sell the HAC owned property at Thomas Street Maitland. Maitland has two HAC owned properties and the house on Junction Road has been upgraded for use by visiting health professionals.

Maitland Hospital has seen the recent completion of Stage 1 of the garden upgrade, with Stage 2 now in the development stage. This has greatly improved the street appeal of the Hospital, and with Council doing up the footpath, it has also improved the safety of those walking in this area.

From January, up to the end of the financial year, there has been quite a bit of expenditure, with much needed items purchased for our local hospitals.

- \$4110.00 was spent on the new sound system in the Maitland Hospital,
- \$1300 Blinds were upgraded in the Chappell Wing.
- \$6700 for new beds for Melaleuca Court
- \$4573 was put toward the refurbishment of the Renal Unit and thanks must go to the Friends of the Hospital for their generous donation of \$3000 towards this upgrade.
- \$8045 was spent on a new Trolley for the Emergency Department at Maitland Hospital.
- The HAC purchased a new Bariatric Podiatry Chair for Maitland and thanks must go to the Maitland Progress Association for their generous donation of \$500
- \$16,000 has been allocated to much needed repairs for the Yorketown Hospital roof, which is an ongoing expenditure past the end of financial year.

While our role is not primarily financial, you can see that the donations given so generously by the community members are being put to good use. Local money for local facilities.

This current financial year has seen a total commitment by the HAC of \$87,700 to our local health facilities.

As stated our role is not primarily financial, it is in fact to be the ear for the community to hear your concerns and needs, and then be the voice to the powers that be to bring about change where possible. We need your input to make that happen. There are other options for community members to have their input, and one is the **Yorke and Northern Community Network**.

There is a link on the Council website to the documents you will need to gain information and to register interest in having input in a variety of ways. I encourage you to look at this and be part of the consultation process.