

## **Yorke Peninsula Health Advisory News September to December 2016**

This period of the calendar is always a busy one for HAC members, many of whom are heavily committed to other organisations within our communities.

The HAC this quarter has purchased a new lifter for the Chappel Wing at Maitland and also new blinds for a section of the hospital.

There has been a lot of discussion around the best use of the various properties the HAC owns on the Peninsula. Moves are in motion to sell off a block of land at Yorketown with the money raised, going to infrastructure repairs on the Yorketown Hospital. This has involved lengthy negotiations to ensure that 100% of the purchase price is paid to the HAC for use in the local area.

At Maitland discussion around the two houses owned by the HAC have resulted in a proposition to upgrade the Junction Road property for use by contract and local staff with a view to being able to ultimately sell off the Thomas Street property – again with proceeds to assist in upgrading our local facilities. This is still in discussion stage, but the outlook is promising.

The HAC held its AGM in November, and was pleased to welcome Sue Thomas to the committee. She will bring valuable local experience to the table.

The guest speaker for the AGM was Anne-Marie Kelly who is the Home Care Package Co-Ordinator. With packages of care being the way forward in health, it is vital that the community gain an understanding of how this process works to best benefit their journey into the next stage of life.

The opening of the extended Renal Unit at Maitland Hospital was another success story for the local community.

The HAC would also like to thank community members for the contribution of \$488.00 for replacement of plants stolen from the new garden upgrade at Maitland Hospital.

The HAC continues to advocate for the maintenance of safe, quality services across the YP. Where some services are only available at Wallaroo, the HAC seeks support from CHSA to have better access to those services on behalf of local communities.

We look forward to engaging more and more with the community in 2017 with open community forums planned for Maitland on March 1, Yorketown May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Minlaton on September 6<sup>th</sup>. HAC members would very much like to hear what you, the community want discussed at these forums.

Safe and enjoyable holiday season to all.