

## **Transforming Health Consumer and Community Engagement Committee**

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The Transforming Health Consumer and Community Engagement Committee was established in July 2015 following recommendations from a consumer and community workshop held in May 2015.

At this month's meeting Lynne Cowan, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, SA Health, provided the committee with advice about the measures being put in place to ensure RAH patient numbers were at an appropriate level for the move to the new RAH, and about the work being done to facilitate the closure of the Repatriation General Hospital and the impact this will have on other hospitals and health services in the southern region. She advised everything was going to plan at this point however given the complexity of this move she expected there to be some adjustments.

Committee members were pleased that over 500 consumers attended the recent open day at Noarlunga Hospital showcasing the new day and 23 hour non-emergency surgical facilities. Further information specific to the consultation about the southern Adelaide Local Health Network reconfiguration is available [here](#).

Members agreed the New Royal Adelaide Hospital infographic video on social media is useful in describing the stages of the move from the existing RAH to the nRAH, it is available [here](#). The committee were concerned about the information in the media relating to the outpatient services in the new Royal Adelaide Hospital. Lynne Cowan acknowledged this concern and discussed the work being done at this point and will provide details at the June meeting.

Committee members noted the draft Action Plan Theme: 'Information provision, community education and health literacy' which acknowledges the importance of increasing health literacy of all, consumers & health professionals, throughout the broader health system. Strategies will include identifying health literacy needs and gaps, and working in partnership with SA Health, Primary Health Networks and primary health providers to address those gaps.

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