

MEDIA RELEASE

Adrian Pederick MP Member for Hammond

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PEDERICK PRAISES THE MALLEE HEALTH SERVICE

During parliament sitting on Tuesday 28th June 2006, State Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick MP, praised the Mallee Health Service's success in providing outstanding services for the Mallee community, over the past four years since the hospital boards of Pinnaroo, Lameroo and Karoonda.

"Efficiencies in financial management and the best use of human resources from this voluntary amalgamation have led to increased and coordinated services for the clients of the Mallee, particularly in the areas of community health and primary health care."

The financial efficiencies have allowed the Mallee Health Service to complete a significant upgrade of the aged care facility at the Pinnaroo Soldiers Memorial Hospital and put a new roof on the Karoonda and Districts Soldiers Memorial Hospital as well as the extension and upgrade of the day centre.

From 1st July 2006, Pinnaroo, Lameroo and Karoonda will all have a resident GP and the new Country Health Board (in conjunction with two city boards) will take over the control of all country health services in administering health services in this state.

"The Mallee Health Service had (and continues to have) enormous support from the Rural Doctors Work Force Agency and divisions of general practise to achieve this outcome."

Adrian Pederick MP will be following the new board arrangement with interest to ensure that adequate health services are delivered to the Mallee.

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