

CAC's

A Rural Perspective

Mary Bowman – Consumer

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Kyabram & District Health Services

- Kyabram population
Approx 5,800
- District
population/catchment
Approx. 16,000
- Service the towns of
Kyabram, Tongala,
Stanhope, Rushworth,
Girgarre, Merrigum,



Kyabram & District Health Services

- Acute Care - Level C Hospital
 - 39 acute beds, medical surgical and midwifery
 - 6 bed Day Procedure Unit
- Aged Care
 - 42 beds, 12 Dementia Specific
- Community Health
 - community and allied health services and visiting practitioners



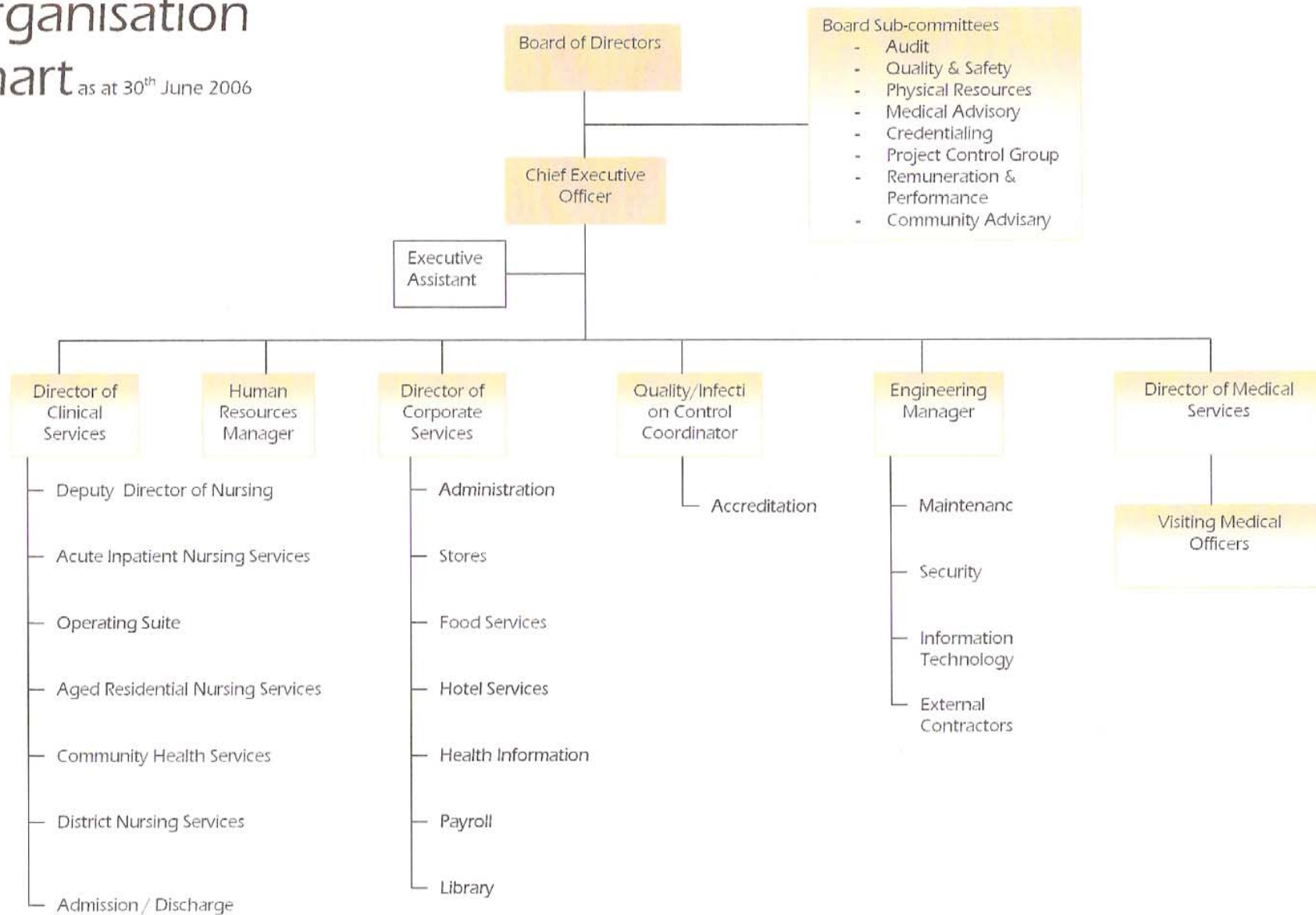


Evolution of the CAC

- From previous Community Health committee.
- Formalised in late 2004
 - Developed Consumer participation policies and procedures.
 - Developed Terms of Reference.
 - Recruited members.
- Current membership is 11.

Organisation Chart

as at 30th June 2006



Just a few of our CAC





CAC Role

The role of the CAC is to be the ‘pipeline’ between the community and Kyabram & District Health Services Board of Management.



CAC Work Plan

- 4 Key Priority Areas
 1. Community Involvement
 2. Communication with consumers and communities of interest
 3. Quality of Care
 4. Service Planning and development



Achievements to date

- CAC promotion pack
- Local community presentations
- Building projects
- Projects
- Quality of Care Report
- Brochure and document review
- Annual Work Plan



Education & Training for the CAC

- CAC Orientation at Kyabram & District Health Services
- Health Issues Centre
 - Education Workshops
 - Conference



Member reflections

“It’s important that I’m able to share with those from other areas of the development in Tongala and for them to be aware.” (Moirra – Tongala)

“To help all in the community and bring to the notice of anyone the role of our hospital and healthcare, and to advise on all aspects of the hospital.” (CAC Member)



Member reflections

“I have always been community minded. It is good for the district to support Kyabram & District Health Services.”
(Betty – Kyabram)

CAC means I am being supported by an articulate group of local people with diverse backgrounds and skills, for issues that I deal with in my work place ‘Youth Issues’. It also means I represent the community in raising pertinent issues to the board.” (Helen – Kyabram)



Where To From Here?

- Continue to advise, advise, advise!
- Continue to increase the CAC profile
- Develop a CAC brochure for the organisation
- Further strengthen communication with the Board
- Recruit more members

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