

MEDIA RELEASE – Advocate announces 2019/20 Statement of Intent



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Jane Anderson, Latrobe Health Advocate has today released her Statement of Intent for 2019/20.

In the last year the Advocate has made significant progress on the identified priorities of 2018/19, having established a profile within Latrobe, that has enabled her to work as a trusted and independent voice for Latrobe communities.

The work completed in the areas of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drugs and Palliative Care has been substantial with submissions made to the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System, The Productivity Commission in inquiry into Mental Health, and most recently the release of her report on Improving Palliative Care Services in Latrobe.

Priorities identified for the coming year are based on what Jane has heard in her community conversations in 2018/19 and consultations with organisations and governments that play a role in the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone.

In 2019/20 the Office of the Advocate will prioritise actions to enable

- A healthy life in Latrobe
- Human connections in Latrobe and
- Access to Services in Latrobe

Quote attributable to Jane Anderson, Latrobe Health Advocate:

"In the coming year I will monitor the response of governments and services to our key recommendations from the work completed to date. I will continue to centre my message around the voices of Latrobe communities and strengthen my message on opportunities for systems change."

The Statement of Intent is attached to this media release for your information. If you have any questions, please contact Kylie Jones at the office of Latrobe Health Advocate on 1800 319 255 or via email at info@lhadvocate.vic.gov.au