



MEDIA RELEASE

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30 Local Collectors commence training for the LINKIN Health Census

Thirty locals recently employed as Health Census Collectors are about to commence delivery and collection of the 10.10.10 LINKIN Health Census questionnaires to every household in Port Lincoln.

They join two data administrators (Kathy Bisset and Gianna Denicola-Garvey) and four local Health Census Team Leaders appointed earlier– Vickie Seidel, Anne Gaskill, Jackie Field and Emma Richards.

The health census is the first phase of the LINKIN Health Study. The health study, a large research project administered by The University of Adelaide, is aimed at gaining an understanding of how we as a community use the multiple health services that are available, and to identify ways in which services may be delivered in the future.

It is an important study because Australia's population is ageing and there are shortages of health professionals, particularly in rural Australia.

"The Health Census Collectors will play a vital role in the study and I am extremely pleased with the number and standard of applicants", Mr Tony Goldsworthy, the Health Census Supervisor said.

"Over 70 applied but there were only 32 positions to fill. I thank those who were unsuccessful for their time and effort in applying for a position as a census collector and/or data administrator".

"Commonwealth Employment Group (CEG) in Port Lincoln has been contracted by The University of Adelaide to employ the health census collectors and local manager Ms Anne-Marie Hammond's local knowledge and advice was invaluable in the recruitment and employment process", he said.

The health census collectors will receive intensive training before heading out on 18th September to deliver the Health Census questionnaires to every household in Port Lincoln prior to 10.10.10.

Each individual 15 years of age and over living in each household is invited to fill in a brief personal questionnaire. If you require assistance in filling in the questionnaire please let the census collector know, or you can call 86830143 to arrange an interview to be carried out at your home.

Keep an eye out for the LINKIN Census collectors and take just 10 minutes to fill in the health census questionnaire by 10.10.10. Your input will make a difference.

Make YOUR health count.

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