



**HEALTH QUESTIONS:** Health Census supervisor Tony Goldsworthy and Aboriginal community engagement officer and team leader Emma Richards with a copy of the Linkin Health Census.

## Finding out more about our health

ACCESS to medical services should be improved and health inequities addressed if a local health study achieves its aims.

The Port Lincoln people who use these medical services will get their chance to contribute to the Linkin Health Study through the health census to be held in October.

Preparation for the census of Port Lincoln households is well underway.

Local people and businesses are getting involved with the planning and delivery of this health study that will influence future health funding policy.

Head of the Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and local GP Jonathan Newbury said the University of Adelaide research team had recognised the importance of harnessing local knowledge and expertise in delivering this unique health study of Port Lincoln.

Local resident Tony Goldsworthy has been appointed Health Census Supervisor and he will be assisted by four local Health Census team leaders who will start work at the beginning of September.

### AT A GLANCE

- The Linkin Health Census will help provide a complete picture of health in Port Lincoln
- Questionnaires will be delivered in September
- Census day is October 10, 2010 (10/10/10)
- Everyone over 15 is encouraged to participate
- The results will be announced in 2011

Emma Richards, who has the dual role of Aboriginal community engagement officer and team leader, Vickie Seidel, Anne Gaskill and Jackie Field will each be responsible for overseeing a team of six or seven Health Census collectors who will deliver and collect census forms during mid-September until the end of October.

Health census collection positions will be advertised in the next few weeks.

A website has also been set up to give people more information about the census: [www.linkin-health.org.au](http://www.linkin-health.org.au)

Port Lincoln is the only city in Australia selected for this health census because of its mix of ages, cultures and industries in a remote setting.

The census will find out how people in Port Lincoln use health services and the information collected will be used to help plan how services should be developed in the coming decades.