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Consumer Advisory Committee - Position Information

Thank you for your interest in joining the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC).

Musculoskeletal Health Australia (MHA) is a national consumer organisation working to support and empower people living with musculoskeletal conditions.

We work on behalf of the nearly 7 million Australians living with conditions such as osteoarthritis, back pain, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, osteoporosis and fibromyalgia among more than 150 different musculoskeletal conditions.

For more information – please visit our website: www.muscha.org .

Consumers are essential to MHA achieving its mission to be a consumer-led organisation. The function of the CAC is to provide an independent consumer perspective to the MHA Board and management on the strategic direction of the organisation and the development of programs, services and advocacy.

The roles and responsibilities of the CAC are to:

- Assist in shaping the strategic direction of the organisation by contributing to the development, review and revision of MHA's strategic direction.
- Provide advice on the design, delivery and evaluation of programs and services.
- Monitor and stay abreast of relevant trends, issues and opportunities, and to share insights with the Board and management.
- Provide MHA with advice on advocacy, support and fundraising from time to time.
- Provide advice to the Board and management on matters of policy affecting services.
- Report to the Board and management on the CAC's deliberations, findings and recommendations.

For more information about the MHA CAC or to view the CAC Terms of Reference, please visit <u>here</u>.

MHA is looking for people to apply who are:

- living with a musculoskeletal condition
- passionate about helping shape the future of healthcare for others
- at least 18 years of age
- able to provide a consumer perspective which incorporates your own experience as well as the opinions of the broader musculoskeletal community
- willing and able to attend MHA CAC meetings, as scheduled (see below)
- willing and able to present ideas and comments to the group
- willing to respect others and the confidentiality of matters discussed.

CAC meetings are held at least 3 times a year and are held online or via teleconference as needed. Members will be paid \$75.00 for actively contributing to each meeting they attend.

Secretariat support is provided to the MHA CAC by MHA staff. A meeting agenda and related meeting papers are usually sent out a week before a scheduled meeting and members are asked to read and review the meeting papers prior to the meeting. From time to time, MHA CAC members may be asked to provide input or comment on various matters between meetings.