Call for Expression of Interest

Regional Victoria Deputy Chair
Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee

The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance (VCCC Alliance) has a newly created appointment available for a Deputy Chair of the VCCC Alliance Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee. This influential leadership position is offered for a regionally based consumer who will relish the opportunity to:

- provide strategic advice on leadership and continuous improvement of VCCC Alliance consumer engagement practice and implementation.
- be part of a dynamic and passionate committee developing consumer-led research, education and training priorities and initiatives for effective consumer engagement.
- advocate for the consumer perspective to be integrated across VCCC Alliance strategic programs to facilitate our core value of patient-centredness.
- identify and build capacity to engage with underserved groups.
- facilitate avenues for ensuring a regional perspective is included in the VCCC Alliance consumer engagement strategy.
- foster networking, information sharing and collaboration across the VCCC Alliance member organisations and partners throughout Victoria.

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We are seeking a highly motivated cancer consumer from **regional Victoria** with experience in contributing to the setting of strategic direction. The role involves collaborating with multidisciplinary stakeholders and requires commitment to the responsibilities of the role as Deputy Chair of the Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee (CCAC).

Scope of the Position

The Deputy Chair role will assist in providing strategic direction for the CCAC and the consumer engagement strategy it governs, as overseen by the Chair. The primary aim is to support the Chair in activities to develop a skilled Consumer Network, and focus on integrating the expertise of a lived experience in program design and delivery. In addition, the successful incumbent will build collaboration networks and support effective consumer engagement in regional initiatives to improve cancer outcomes for all Victorians. The expected time commitment is associated with monthly CCAC meetings (formal and informal), participation in the quarterly Consumer Network meetings and varying other VCCC Alliance Strategic Program Plan requirements. Remuneration and expense reimbursement will be offered in accordance with the VCCC Alliance Accounting and Financial Management Policy and related procedures.

Equal Opportunity and Equity of Access

The VCCC Alliance is committed to all aspects of equal opportunity, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace and to providing staff and consumers a safe, respectful and rewarding environment. All meetings are offered with remote access. The VCCC Alliance values diversity and promotes equity and broad representation on its committees. To ensure a breadth of expertise and experience, membership is actively sought from diverse communities. Reasonable efforts will be made to support individual needs to enable effective engagement and participation.

The VCCC Alliance

The vision for the VCCC Alliance is to save lives through the integration of consumer-engaged cancer research, education and patient care. Founded in the holistic principles of the internationally recognised Comprehensive Cancer Centre model, the VCCC Alliance brings together ten research, academic, and clinical institutions to achieve what can only be done through state-wide collaboration. The aim is to

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improve cancer outcomes in metropolitan and regional Victoria and forge new approaches to cancer research, education, and patient care for all.

The VCCC Alliance Strategic Program Plan

In 2020, the Victorian Government committed $27 million to the development and execution of the new VCCC Alliance Strategic Program Plan 2021-2024, which sets out a roadmap of integrated, innovative, and ambitious programs that tackle the complexities of cancer outcomes in Victoria. The Strategic Program Plan aims to accomplish this mission by focussing on four key themes of Discovery, Acceleration, Equity and Leadership and designed to support delivery of the Victorian Cancer Plan.

The VCCC Alliance Consumer Engagement Strategy

The VCCC Alliance has demonstrated a strong and clear commitment to consumer engagement since its inception and, as programs evolve, implementing a sustainable yet agile framework continues to be a priority. Ensuring consumer involvement and perspective across all levels of the organisation enables a patient-centred approach to inform and enhance the work we do. Solid foundations have already been established, with substantial achievements including, but not exclusive to, the production of an online toolkit of resources, implementation of consumer remuneration, a highly popular annual consumer engagement forum and evidence of consumer advocacy at state, national and international levels. A recent reference of the VCCC Alliance Toolkit and Model of Consumer Engagement in the Victorian Cancer Plan 2020-2024 attests to the quality and value of the strategy.

As Deputy Chair, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the continued development and growth of this strategically important work.

Further Information

For a confidential discussion and further information, please contact Sophy Athan, Chair, VCCC Alliance Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee, euroforcemusic@bigpond.com

To Apply

To express interest, please send your **consumer representative CV** outlining engagement with organisations or groups (2-pages maximum). Please also include a cover letter outlining your reasons for applying and addressing the key selection criteria.

Send applications to Dr Joanne Britto, Manager Consumer Involvement, joanne.britto@unimelb.edu.au no later than **Friday 6 May 2022.**

Please note this is a regional Victoria designated position, classified under Section 12 Special Measures of the *Equal Opportunity Act* 2010 (Vic). This role is only available to appropriately qualified cancer consumers based in regional Victoria.

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Position Title:	Regional Victoria Deputy Chair, Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee	
Reports to:	Direct	Chair, VCCC Alliance Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee
	Indirect	Executive Director, VCCC Alliance
Key supports in the position:	Internal, VCCC Alliance	Manager, Consumer Involvement Head of Quality and Strategic Initiatives Head of Education Head of Research Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Key relationships	Internal, VCCC Alliance	Board of Directors Executive Director VCCC Alliance Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee VCCC Alliance Cancer Research Advisory Committee VCCC Alliance Cancer Education and Training and Advisory Committee Quality and Strategic Initiatives Team Community and Communications Team Strategic Program Plan Program Managers
	External	VCCC alliance Community Advisory Committees based throughout member organisations (or equivalent) VCCC Alliance regional partners Community Advisory Committees Relevant cancer control and advocacy organisations
Key selection criteria		• Demonstrated collaborative consumer leadership in the health sector • Experience and knowledge in best practice consumer engagement and implementation • Experience in developing and/or delivering education and skill development for consumers in effective engagement and advocacy • Understanding of the practicality of engagement with regional communities, including equity considerations that may be specific to healthcare in regional Victoria • Understanding of the factors that may contribute to inequitable cancer outcomes for Victorians • Ability to exercise sound judgment and sensitivity in managing relationships • Depth of leadership experience, with empathy in recognising that others have the right to hold views which may differ from your own • Skills in writing reports, briefs, and other written communications for a range of audiences • Excellent networking, information sharing and communication skills.