

CONSUMER VOICES



News and views on health consumer issues - 4 August 2023



CHF Board from left: Tony Lawson (Chair), Jo Watson (Deputy Chair, Christine Walker, Jan Donovan, Rowan Cockerell, and Ros Chataway. Absent Alison Willis.

Opportunities to lead CHF into a new era

The Board of Consumers Health Forum (CHF) currently has up to three vacancies for Elected Directors.

Elected Directors must be nominated by organisations that are CHF Voting Members so if you are interested in applying, you will need to do so through one of the organisations [listed here](#).

The deadline for nominations is COB Monday 21 August and the Board will announce appointments at its AGM in October.

For more information, watch a recording of [our recent webinar](#) and read [our constitution](#)

For further questions, contact **Governance Officer Linden Audino** L.Audino@chf.org.au

Consumer opportunity

Medication Management Research Project

We are seeking consumers who are interested in informing the direction of two projects aimed at improving medication use in residential aged-care homes being conducted by the Australian Institute of Health Innovation (AIHI).

You do not need to be an expert in research, technology, or medications. We are looking for individuals who have lived experience of residential aged care homes or those who have ideas for how medication management in residential aged care in Australia could be improved.

There are two specific projects that are recruiting consumers to be involved: Medication Management and Electronic Medication Management Review (eMMR) tool.

For any questions, please contact **Senior Policy Officer, James Ansell** j.ansell@chf.org.au

[More information and apply](#)

Consultations



National Consumer Engagement Strategy for Health and Wellbeing

The Draft of the National Consumer Engagement Strategy for Health and Wellbeing (NCESHW) is now available for comment.

The Mitchell Institute at Victoria University in partnership with Consumers Health Forum are developing this strategy for the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

The Draft is now live on the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care's [Consultation Hub](#). We encourage you to provide feedback on the Draft by reviewing and responding to the consultation questions via the Consultation Hub.

The paper will be available online for comment until 04 September 2023 at 11:59pm.

If you have any questions about the survey questions or the consultation process, please contact NPHS@health.gov.au.

[Find out more](#)



National Women's Health Advisory Council's Community Consultation Survey

The [National Women's Health Advisory Council](#) wants to hear from women, along with experts, health care professionals, consumer representatives and peak stakeholder groups to better understand the unique barriers and gender bias women face in Australia's healthcare system.

Share your experiences by completing the [consultation survey](#) today.

The #EndGenderBias survey is available in 17 languages. Download [the information kit](#) or [visit the website](#).

Take the survey

Consumers in action



Carolyn Becker

Jan Corcoran

Deb Robins
and Doug

Maureen
Woodward

Queensland CHF R&R SIG members in action at Cairns forum

Health consumer advocates from Queensland, including members from the CHF Rural and Remote Special Interest Group and Health Consumers Queensland, attended Queensland Rural and Remote Clinical Network (QRRCN) annual forum last month. Jan Corcoran, Deborah Robins, Carolyn Becker and Maureen Woodward were delighted to be involved in this high-level forum, networking with Queensland's finest rural and remote health professionals. Read [more about this event](#).

Read more

Policy development news

Measuring what matters: Australia's First Wellbeing Framework

The Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, has released his first national wellbeing framework, promised more than a year ago. The Framework will form the basis of building in better outcomes for people and communities into government policy and planning, to add to other economic measures.

The framework is designed to place the health and well-being of Australians at the heart of policy and decision-making. It sets out factors important to Australian's individual and collective wellbeing across all phases of life in five broad themes – healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive and prosperous. The Treasury has provided a fascinating [dashboard](#) to visually represent the indicators. As the Treasurer says in his opening statement, this framework will be an iterative process, and that the government will continue to consult as they refine the Framework and welcome feedback.

Follow this topic and [download the Framework](#)

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Consumer representative program

Consumer representatives are nominated for national committees to ensure that the views and interests of health consumers are represented at the national level. CHF supports consumer representatives by providing resources in a number of ways. Find out how to become a [Consumer Rep](#)

CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

As a member of CHF you will be kept up to date on key health reform issues through our publications and member alerts. CHF membership enables you to influence the national health agenda by contributing to CHF surveys, polls, consultations and campaigns. Members can draw on CHF position statements, media releases and policy submissions to inform your work and advocacy.

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