

Have Your Say in the New Consumer Organisation

A new consumer organisation will be established in response to **recommendation 29** of the Royal Commission. (See below). The organisation will be safe, inclusive, and creative place that offers consumers opportunities to build on knowledge and strengths, and support learning and development for individuals and groups.

We want to speak with you about the new organisation's vision, and the organisational design including how it is set up and will operate.

Who Can Participate?

- People with lived and living experience of mental illness or psychological distress.
- People with lived and living experience of mental illness or psychological distress and experience of alcohol and other drug use.

When Is It? (Participants Only Need to Attend One Workshop.)

- Monday 26 September from 2.30pm to 4.00pm OR
- Thursday 29 September from 11.30am to 1.00pm

How Do You Register for the Workshop?

Please RSVP to governance@vmiac.org.au

Who is Facilitating the Workshop?

Erandathie Jayakody from VMIAC (Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council) and Zoe Lenton from SHARC (Self Help Addiction Resource Centre).

Participants will be reimbursed for their time.

For more information, please e-mail governance@vmiac.org.au or call Erandathie Jayakody on 0456 304 719

Recommendation 29:

Establish a new non-government agency overseen by a skills-based board chaired by and consisting of a majority of people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress, to:

- deliver accredited training and resources to aid the development of organisations led by people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress.
- develop and deliver mental health and wellbeing services led by people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress; and
- facilitate co-location, shared resourcing, learning opportunities and the creation of new partnerships and networks between people with lived experience of mental illness or psychological distress and the organisations they lead.