

October 26, 2021



Dear Member

Notice of Intention

This is a Notice of Intention to amend three minor aspects of the constitution. These changes are not intended to alter the functioning of VMIAC in any way. Point 1 To add non-gendered pronouns. Point 2 To clarify the purposes of the Association. Point 3 To add to the Committee of Management composition.

Point 1 – To add non-gendered pronouns

Add references at sections 11(2), 34(1), 34(3), 47(3), 52(4), 54(3) and 70(3) to include they.

Point 2 – To clarify the purposes of the Association

2 to be changed from:

The purposes of the association are—

The Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council Incorporated (VMIAC) is the peak Victorian non-government organisation for mental health consumers. Consumers are defined as people who have experienced mental illness and/or emotional distress.

To:

The purposes of the association are—

The Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council Incorporated (VMIAC) is a Victorian non-government organisation for marginalised mental health consumers who have alternative views not otherwise represented, and who want to work together to try to abolish all compulsory treatment in Victoria.

Point 3 – to add to the Committee of Management composition

44 to be changed from:

The Committee consists of—

- a) a Chair; and
- b) a Deputy Chair; and

- c) a Secretary; and
- d) a Treasurer; and
- e) ordinary members (if any) elected under rule 53.

To:

The Committee consists of—

- a) a Chair; and
- b) a Deputy Chair; and
- c) a Secretary; and
- d) a Treasurer; and
- e) ordinary members (if any) elected under rule 53 including 2 current Victorian public mental health system service users included.