Annual General Meeting 2026
Call for Nominations

VMIAC's vision was developed in partnership with our community of consumers/survivors across Victoria. It's our shared dream for the future, and it drives everything we do.

Where all mental health consumers stand proud, live a life with choices honoured, rights upheld, and these principles are embedded in all aspects of society.

Our work is premised on these beliefs:

- People's experiences are respected and valued
- People are experts in their own lives
- People have a right to self determination
- People have capacity to make genuine choices, free from coercion
- People should be safe, respected, valued and informed
- People's diversity is embraced

Governance

VMIAC is governed by a Committee of Management (CoM). Members are elected for a period of two years, with half of the committee positions being elected each year at VMIAC's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Committee has the authority to appoint people to casual vacancies which may occur due to resignations or vacancies between AGMs.

Nomination Eligibility

Eligibility for nomination is defined in Section 48 of the VMIAC Rules. Nominees must be 18 years old or older and are registered voting members of VMIAC. Associate members are not eligible for election to the CoM.

VMIAC is currently seeking nominations of/by members to fill two ordinary member roles that are vacant. The Chair and Secretary roles are also being vacated.

Skill Set Required

We are seeking nominations from members with the following skills and experience:

- High level governance experience in a similar organisation and/or
- Training in governance such as the Consumers Leading in Governance Training
- Knowledge of the current reform work based in the recommendations of the Royal Commission
- Creativity and innovative thinking.

Chair

The Chair provides leadership to the Committee of Management and supports its effective governance. They chair CoM and general meetings, help ensure the CoM works collectively and in line with VMIAC's Rules, values and consumer-perspective principles, and support implementation of CoM decisions. The Chair also has a key relationship with the CEO, including delegated responsibility for non-strategic line management, regular supervision and performance oversight, and may represent VMIAC publicly on strategically important matters.

Secretary

The Secretary supports VMIAC's formal governance and statutory administration. They are responsible for functions required of the secretary of an incorporated association, including maintaining the register of members, ensuring key governance records are appropriately kept and accessible, managing custody of the common seal and relevant documents, and completing required notifications to the Registrar. The Secretary also has an important role in supporting compliant meeting and membership processes under VMIAC's Rules.

Expectations & Time Commitment

CoM members are expected to:

- Attend monthly online CoM meetings which last for approximately 2 hours
- Be involved in at least one working group between CoM meetings. Working Groups meet for 2-3 hours per month online
- Full reading of papers prior to the meetings and full participation in discussions leading to sound decisions
- Contribution to a meeting environment which ensures all voices are heard and diversity in opinion is respected and valued
- Attend the CoM planning and induction meeting after the AGM (date to be decided)

Commitment to inclusivity and equity

Given VMIAC's commitment to inclusivity, equity and diversity, we are keen to encourage nominations from people from diverse backgrounds such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally diverse communities. We are also keen to gain representatives from rural communities.

How to Nominate

Nominees are encouraged to become familiar with the governance of VMIAC by consulting the VMIAC Rules and Annual Reports.

You can nominate for a CoM role **here**.

All nominations must be received no later than **12pm AEDT Monday, 9 November 2026.**

The CoM nomination form includes three questions requiring a 100-word response each, and a photo upload/attachment. This form will require the endorsement of two VMIAC members.

The information provided in the form will be shared with VMIAC members prior to the AGM to support the election process. At the AGM all nominees will have two (2) minutes to address members. Nominees unable to attend the AGM have the option of recording a two-minute video statement to be played on the day, or have a representative read their statement.

More information

Further information can be sought from VMIAC's Secretary Mel Sherrin via email at secretary@vmiac.org.au or by calling 03 9380 3900.