**THE VMIAC AWARDS**  
  
In 2016 VMIAC, as the peak body for consumers in Victoria sponsored the inaugural Consumer Awards. These awards recognised the significant contribution that consumer workers have made to Victoria over the previous 20 years. We hosted this award again in 2018 to massive success.

This year, in 2021, VMIAC once again, will sponsor an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing achievement of consumers and consumer workers in Victoria. Taking place Friday November 5th, this year’s awards are set to be an exciting online event.

This year there are 5 awards open for nomination, celebrating those consumers and groups that have made a significant contribution to consumer work, either paid or voluntary, and that raises the voice of consumers and contributes to improvement of consumers experiences in Victoria, as well as one nominated award for allies of the consumer movement. We will also be awarding a Lifetime Achievement award, selected by our committee, for those who has made a significant achievement in the advancement of consumer perspective over their lifetime(s).

**Nominations Close 12pm Noon Sunday 11th October**,and please ensure all nominations are emailed to [bryony.wilson@vmiac.org.au](mailto:bryony.wilson@vmiac.org.au), with the subject:  
**VMIAC Award Nomination – Category**

**Award Nomination Categories**

1. **Human Rights Award**

This person has worked with a strong Human Rights focus and has contributed to raising or addressing human rights issues experienced by consumers of the Victorian mental health system.

1. **The Intersectional Advocacy Award**

In addition to experience as a consumer, this person also identifies as CALD, LGBTIQA+ or as has having a disability. They use both their experience of mental health services and lived intersectionality to improve the experiences of consumers in Victoria.

1. **Consumer Worker of the Year (Clinical Sector)**

Currently working in the community sector, this Award recipient is a consumer who has worked for two years (or more) in the community sector and has made a significant and positive difference to the consumers’ experience of services.

1. **Consumer Worker of the Year (Community Sector)**

Currently working in the clinical sector, the recipient of this Award is a consumer who has worked for a two years (or more) in the clinical sector and has made a significant and positive difference to consumers’ experience of services.

1. **Consumer Advisory Group (Clinical or Community).**

This group can be clinical or community, has been operating for a minimum of two years and demonstrates a significant contribution to improving the experiences of consumers of the service.

1. **Ally of the Year**

A person who has shown outstanding support to the consumer movement.

**VMIAC Consumer Awards**

I, (your name) ………………………….…………………..

am nominating (nominee name) ……..………………………..

for **[please tick one]:**

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|  | Human Rights Award |
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|  | The Intersectional Advocate Award (previously known as the Diversity Award) |
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|  | Consumer Worker of the Year (Clinical sector) |
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|  | Consumer Worker of the Year (Community sector) |
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|  | Consumer Advisory Group (CAG) |
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|  | Ally of the Year |

I acknowledge that all of the information on the nomination for is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signed

The awards will take place on Friday 5th November and all short listed nominees and the person that nominates them are invited to a celebratory event. Short listed nominees will be selected by our committee and will be contacted in the weeks prior to the event.

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**VMIAC Award Nomination - Category**

**Your Details**

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**Nominees Details**

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How do you know this person or CAG or Ally and their work?

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Why are you nominating this person or CAG or Ally?

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Anything else about the person or CAG or Ally you think we should know?

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Please note if your nomination is shortlisted we will request a photograph for publicity purposes.

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