**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, with the subject:
**VMIAC Award Nomination - Category**

.**Award Nomination Categories.**

1. **Human Rights Award**
	* Person has worked with a strong Human Rights focus and has contributed to the application of these rights in the mental health sector in Victoria.
2. **The Intersectional Advocate Award - Previously known as the Diversity Award**
	* In addition to experience as a consumer, this person will also identity as ATSI, CALD, LGTBI or has having a disability. This person will use both the experience of using mental health services and their diversity to improve the experiences of consumers in Victoria.
3. **Consumer Worker of the Year (Clinical Sector)**
	* A consumer who has worked for a minimum of 2 years in the clinical sector and has made a significant difference to the way that the service responds to the experiences of consumers.
4. **Consumer Worker of the Year (Community Sector)**
	* A consumer who has worked for a minimum of 2 years in the community sector and has made a significant difference to the way that the service responds to the experiences of consumers.
5. **Consumer Advisory Group (Clinical or Community).**
	* The group must have been operating for a minimum of 2 years and be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the experiences of consumers of the service.
6. **Ally of the Year**
	* The ally shall demonstrate a commitment to valuing consumer participation and proactively works towards enriching consumer experiences in the broader community.

**VMIAC Consumer Awards**

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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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**Your Details**

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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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