

the voice of
people
affected
by cancer

for better...



care



support



information



treatment



research

the voice to government, clinical
cancer services, information &
support providers and research
organisations

Objectives

- To reduce the impact of cancer on the community, in terms of lives affected and lives lost
- To promote a balanced public awareness of cancer
- To encourage, and provide a facility for those with experience of cancer to contribute at all levels of decision-making about the disease
- To define issues that are important to cancer consumers and to advocate for measures to address them
- To work towards ensuring access to the highest quality treatment and support services, regardless of their geographical location, social or economic status, ethnicity or stage of disease.
- To influence the direction of research into causes, prevention, optimal treatments and support
- To provide a forum for people affected by cancer to share experiences and information



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*Every year
over 40,000 people
in New South Wales
are diagnosed with cancer*

What is Cancer Voices NSW?

Cancer Voices NSW provides the independent voice of people affected by cancer in NSW, to improve the cancer experience of the over 40,000 people who are diagnosed each year.

Established in 2000, we are active in the areas of diagnosis, information, treatment, research, support and care. We work, with member input, in partnership with decision makers and providers of these services, ensuring the patient perspective is heard from planning to delivery.

Cancer Voices NSW is the peak state advocacy organisation. While voting members are NSW support and advocacy groups, membership includes people with cancer and cancer survivors, carers, cancer care professionals and other interested organisations - forming a forum for people affected by cancer to share their issues, ideas and experiences.

Since 2000 Cancer Voices has gained influence and success in improving cancer care, information, support and research in NSW.

Who are we?

We are volunteers of varying ages and backgrounds who have experienced many forms and stages of cancer and its treatment. We all work to make a positive difference to the cancer "journey".

Benefits of membership

- Receive a quarterly newsletter about our activities, and opportunities for training and for consumer engagement
- Keep informed about issues, contribute to our policy and strategic direction, advocate for improvements and provide consumer input to decision-makers.
- Learn through short training courses in advocacy, representation and/ or research, offered in partnership with the Cancer Council NSW.

What do we do?

- Listen to your needs and views to shape our direction
- Ensure an informed consumer voice is heard wherever decisions affecting us are made
- Facilitate opportunities for participation on decision-making committees, matching consumers and stakeholders, and provide an effective online process
- Seek and promote sources of good information
- Work in partnership with stakeholders in the "cancer world", encouraging them to address consumer needs and priorities
- Develop and publish, with your input, Position Statements on our website
- Write submissions, appear before inquiries, speak at conferences and to the media
- Communicate with our members and stakeholders via a newsletter and email groups
- Work closely with other cancer consumer organisations across Australia

Representing the consumer view

Stakeholders seeking consumer nominees to work with them on committees or research projects, should go to the "Request a Consumer Representative" online form on the website.



"Nothing about us without us"

JOIN THE ACTION!

Membership Form (mail this or fill in online)

It is important that you complete all sections and print PLEASE

Name: _____
(GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL)

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

A little about you

Age group: (please circle)

18 - 29

30 - 49

50 - 69

70+

Cancer diagnosis? **YES / NO**

If **YES**, date, cancer type and stage

Are you interested in advocacy training? **YES / NO**

Research training? **YES / NO**

Donation \$ _____

(Membership is free; donations are very welcome and tax deductible)

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see Membership Application Form