



Annual Report

2016-2017

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About Cancer Action Victoria

Purpose

Cancer Action Victoria advocates for quality cancer care. We identify issues that are important to Victorians affected by cancer and advocate for actions to address them

Our Goals for 2015-2018

Goal 1: Continue to identify issues suitable for advocacy

Goal 2: Develop and strengthen our organization

Goal 3: Build on strong relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders

Executive Members 2016-17

President	Marilyn Dolling
Hon Secretary	Dr Pamela Williams OAM
Treasurer	Sandra Anderson
Committee Members	Denise Horsey, Sandra Oriander Barbara Latham Ian Dennis

President's report

It is with pleasure that I present my 2016-2017 Annual Report. The Committee has taken direction from the Strategic plan for 2015-2018. The committee has met the goals set in in some ways.

I take this opportunity to thank all our committee members for their support and faithfulness throughout the past year.

If we look at the last year as a season, I would compare it to Winter, as it has not been an easy year but one of grief, loss, challenges and change for many with slowed activity ...a time of activity during which individual members have been involved in various Cancer Council Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services and Integrated Cancer Services and projects such as Optimal Care Pathways, Supportive Care. These activities have enabled us as an organisation to build partnerships between Cancer Action Victoria and consumers, health professionals and stakeholders across the State.

We've also gained more advocacy skills by walking the journey closely beside family, friends and acquaintances, honing our advocacy skills with grief, new knowledge of treatments and research, communication and empathy. We've also obtained understanding and skills as carers as well as being patients. Discovering the knowledge that these people have given us in honouring and allowing us to share their journey with them...life and death lessons from the 'experts' we have supported and loved. We are now more equipped to pass the skills and knowledge on to others.

It has been a season of preparation for things to come, for new growth and regrowth of things planted in the past. I see this leading to some new beginnings and exciting challenges as we work together to see new collaborations and consumer involvement as new projects are being planned.

We have an exciting time ahead ... just like a garden, you plan, get equipped, do the hard work preparing, planting and nurturing then watching as you see what you've planted grow and blossom.

My vision is to see CAV grow and continue to be a strong and powerful consumer voice making a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Marilyn Dolling
President

Key Committee Activities

Executive Committee Meetings

Seven Committee meetings have been held.

Membership

Currently 602 people and /or organizations receive newsletters and notices -

By mail – 287

By email - 315

Newsletters

Given the increase in postage we are encouraging members to receive the newsletters electronically. We are planning to introduce Mailchimp, for example, for circulating more timely information.

Three newsletters have been produced over the year. The Committee decided that we would produce 2 newsletters each year along with more timely messages circulated electronically as required.

The themes for the newsletters have been:

- 2016 Winter –Clinical Trials for people with cancer
- 2016 Spring– My Cancer Care Record
- 2017 Summer- Autumn – Looking back into history

Thank you to the editorial and distribution team:

Dr Pamela Williams OAM

Di Lewis, Producer and Assistant Editor

Cancer Council Victoria distribution team

We acknowledge the support provided by Cancer Council Victoria in providing space for meetings, mailing out of the newsletter and especially the professional support from Nicola Quinn and now Anna Boltong.

Consumer Consultations

- Optimal Care Pathways (consumer versions)
- McCabe Centre – consultation on End of Life proposed legislation
- Victorian cancer plan monitoring and evaluation framework

Additional Activities

We receive requests for input for reviews of policies or programs or requests to sit on committees. These are important to Cancer Action Victoria and we thank our members who have volunteered their time and expertise. We encourage more members to respond to requests for consumers on committees, working parties, consultations...

Some examples of where Cancer Action Victoria members have been involved.

- Wearable Technology Activate Trial, Cancer Council Victoria– Consumer advisers
- Member, Victorian Cancer Survivorship Program Phase 11 Grants Scheme Committee, Department of Health and Human Services
- Victorian Cancer Survivorship Program (VCSP) Community of Practice – Presenters of session – Consumer co-design and survivorship projects
- Attendance at Department of Health and Human Services Consumer Meeting
- Judging Panel member, Department of Health and Human Services, Excellence in Cancer Care
- Judging Panel member – Monash Partners Comprehensive Cancer Consortium Travel Grants
- Optimal Care Pathways Steering committee, Cancer Council Victoria & Department of health and Human Services; Regional Optimal Care Pathways Advisory Committee in collaboration with Department of Health and Human Services, Cancer Council Victoria & Practice Health Nurses
- Supportive Care in Cancer Resource Refresh Consultation, Ballarat
- Supportive Care in Cancer Resource Refresh Community of Practice consultation, University of Melbourne
- Victorian Integrated Cancer Services, 2017 Cancer Conference, Melbourne
- Expo on Aging including Heath Issues, Geelong
- Consumer Networking Event, Winchelsea
- Palliative and Aged Care Forum- rethinking and improving end of life care, Melbourne

- Victorian Care of Older People Advisory Committee - Cancer and the older person
- NCERG Consumer Consultation
- Provision of input into the development of Victoria's Rural and Regional Health Services System, Design and Infrastructure Plan (the Rural Plan), Department of Health and Human Service
- Consultation with Alfred Hospital on producing a set of videos on Cancer and the older person - from planning to production and use of these for consumer & clinical awareness

Many individual members are involved in local Integrated Cancer Services and cancer support services

Advocacy Program

The two-day program was offered to members and other interested consumer advocates in July 2016 when 14 participants were registered.

The program provided for the following topics –
 Consumer Engagement, Cancer and the health industry, Roles and Responsibilities of consumers on committees, Cancer Plans, Health literacy, Understanding research approaches, Consumer Involvement in research projects, Reviewing research, Reading research, Clinical trials and development of advocacy plans

Financial Report for Cancer Action Victoria Year ended June 30th 2017

Schedule 1 Regulation 15 Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)

Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

We Marilyn Dolling and Sandra Anderson being members of the committee of the Cancer Action Victoria Executive Committee certify that –

"The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending ."

Signed:



Date: 20th September 2017

Signed: *Sandra Anderson*

Date: 20th September 2017

MANN, SMITH & ASSOCIATES

CPA

Public Accountants - Registered Tax Agents

Reg. Tax Agent Number 76229006

**CANCER ACTION VICTORIA Inc.
Independent Audit Report to Members**

To the Members of Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated

Scope

We have reviewed the financial report of Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated Committee is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent review of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated.

Our review has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with professional reporting requirements in Australia and the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

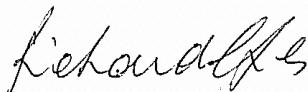
The review opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Review Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated is in accordance with:

the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and gives a true and fair view of the Cancer Action Victoria Incorporated financial position as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

Signed this day 6th day of September 2017



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CANCER ACTION VICTORIA INC

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 2017

MEMBERS FUNDS	\$	<u>2016</u>
Balance as at 1st July 2016	349,021.93	341,251.11
<u>Add</u> Net Surplus 2016/7	<u>18,273.33</u>	7,770.82
	367,295.26	
<u>Less</u> Prior Period Adjustment	<u>20.00</u>	
<u>Balance as at 30th June 2017</u>	<u>367,275.26</u>	<u>349,021.93</u>

Represented by

ASSETS

Cash At Bank	12,747.27	3,451.39
Term Deposits	<u>354,527.99</u>	<u>345,570.54</u>
	<u>367,275.26</u>	<u>349,021.93</u>

