

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 – 2019



Cancer Action Victoria would like to acknowledge that we come together on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulim Nation. Cancer Action Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters throughout Victoria and pays respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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About Cancer Action Victoria:

Purpose

Cancer Action Victoria advocates for Quality Care. We identify issues that are important to Victorians affected by Cancer and Advocate for Action to address them.

Our Goals for 2018 – 2021

- Goal 1 To identify and plan ways in which Cancer Action Victoria (CAV) can partner successfully with key stakeholders moving forward.
- Goal 2 To establish strategies to cross-collaboratively empower and encourage further active Consumer involvement.
- Goal 3 To agree and define clear communication and marketing messaging encompassing shared goals of CAV and key stakeholders.

Committee 2018-2019

President:	Mrs Marilyn Dolling
Vice President:	Mr Ian Dennis
Treasurer:	Mrs Sandra Anderson
Secretary:	Mrs Gayle Newbury
General Committee:	Mrs Denise Horsey Mrs Sandra Oriander Ms Barbara Latham





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CANCER ACTION VICTORIA

Tuesday, 18th February 2020
At Cancer Council Victoria.
615 St Kilda Road, Melbourne at 2pm

Our AGM is a time to celebrate and reflect on the achievements over the past 12 months and look forward to the year ahead. It is an opportunity to network and meet with other members

AGENDA

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome
- Apologies
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM
- President's Report 2018-2019
- Treasurer's Report 2018-2019
- Appointment of Auditor for 2019-2020
- Election of 2019-2020
- Declaration of the result of the Committee election
- Guest Speaker: Natalia Dewiyani
- Close of the meeting
- Afternoon Tea
- Travel Safe



Guest Speaker

Natalia Dewiyani

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CANCER ACTION VICTORIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019
President's Report – Marilyn Dolling

In preparing this year's report we need to understand clearly who we are and why we exist. It's clearly a case of requiring unity in diversity. All members represent very diverse cancer types, stages, personal and family situations and experiences.

We are ordinary volunteers who have been affected by cancer. We come from a rich diversity of age, nationalities, cultures, education and experiences. The one uniting factor that brings us together should be our passion for making a difference in the lives of others facing cancer.

To achieve this successfully we need to uphold the values of those organisations we've been working in partnership with. We recognise the important need to make affirmations and respect of their values by upholding them and promoting them in all our work training and advocacy

We started right and we need to stay right and continue in the same way into the future exploring new opportunities in our partnerships

And this needs to grow and remain strong as our membership and advocacy opportunities grow

We need to be sincere and without offence to those we work beside

We've been deeply challenged this year with our department. (How we carry and present ourselves) It's important to us about how well we represent the values of our own and partnering organisations that we are trusted with.

As a small committee, each with the normal personal challenges of a person affected by cancer we been faced and challenged by how different people have been affected and how they need to be supported. Our personal experiences can mean richer advocacy, but we have recognised that we need to learn and pass on the importance of self-care both as committee members but also in our education and advocacy.

As we rebuild, we are looking forward to reengaging with people who have had a valuable input into our CAV Community especially those who have attended past training and project initiatives.

This year it has been exciting to see developments in areas that have been pending for quite some time

- Web site has been redesigned and launched at the VICS conference
- Our newsletter has recommenced thanks to Jann Skinner. We are very thankful for her hard work in reorganising this and our membership lists
- Membership lists have been brought up to date. There has been a been an encouraging increase in membership through the training and through social media.
- Social media, Facebook, Instagram and twitter accounts are now proving to have growing activity and connectivity with Cancer consumers and organisations contributing.
- We have been successful in assisting WEHI, CCV, Melbourne Monash and McQuarrie Universities in finding appropriate consumer partners for some of their research projects

Organisational Partnerships

Our work over the last 12 months has seen some wonderful opportunities to partner with other organisations

- Completing successful advocacy training across the state with the DHHS Empowering Rural Consumers project successfully being held in 5 ICS Regions. Barwon, Hume, Gippsland, Grampians & Loddon Mallee. Many thanks to our great trainers Jen Scantelbery and Jackie Moden and to the ICS for their support and partnership.
- Sponsorship opportunities at the VICS Conference where DHHS made it possible for us to sponsor some consumers to the conference
- Researchers from the University of Melbourne in partnership with Cancer Action Victoria and the Centre for Innovation Industry Economic Research, took part in a research study to explore views about internet-based e-health information resources.

- CAV Involvement with Melbourne University, VCCC, and consumers in Older and Wiser Cancer project with Catherine Devereux from Melbourne University
- Invitation for Involvement in a scoping project about Managing Older People with Cancer with the Integrated Cancer Service
- OCP summit of cancer support organisations to further scope the needs and capacity of organisations to support the promotion and dissemination of the What to expect guides
- Representation on Survivorship Communities of Practice and involvement in Australian Cancer Survivorship Plan and endorsement of the Consensus Statement.
- Representation and involvement with Supportive Care initiatives planning.

I wish to thank Committee members for their hard work and commitment over past twelve months. To our members, partners and associates we thank you for your support, encouragement and involvement and look forward to working with you in future! A special thank you to Cancer Council Victoria in your ongoing support in so many ways!

Purposes

The purposes of the Association are to:

- ensure those affected by cancer are represented in the development and implementation of policies and programs for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survival issues and research in the area of cancer.
- provide a forum for Victorians touched by cancer
- minimise the impact of cancer on the community by advocating for change to enhance quality of life for those affected by cancer
- promote a balanced public awareness of cancer, and the effects of cancer and its treatments, and
- the predominant purpose of the Association is charitable.

CAV are currently in the process of rebuilding our Governance Committee.

We are looking for people with:

- A lived experience with Cancer - as patient, carer or close association.
- A genuine interest and passion for making a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.
- diverse skills and experience to enable us to maximise our service in advocating for and supporting and educating those affected by cancer.
- Good communication skills and strong team ethics.
- Commitment and compassion.
- Involvement with one of the Integrated Cancer Services would be a great advantage.

