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CHF springs forward with expanded scope and members

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Community roundtable with Health Minister, Greg Hunt

Spring has arrived with CHF having gained fresh and further growth in both our supporters and in our scope for action. After modifying our membership fees in acknowledgement of the financial constraints of many supporters, we have attracted 65 new members, 41 of them organisations, a fillip for CHF at a time when many NGOs face difficulties retaining members.

Then in our Community Roundtable with newly-reappointed Health Minister, Greg Hunt, the Minister has indicated CHF will be involved in co-designing primary health care reform directions in coming months. He has also asked CHF to prepare advice on how a forward-looking prevention strategy should entail a consumer perspective. This follows CHF's strong support for new Prime Minister, Scott Morrison's comments advocating a focus on chronic conditions as a health priority.

We have had the opportunity to promote the consumer perspective on primary care and general

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MEDIA RELEASES

27 August 2018

[New PM's focus on chronic illness an encouraging start](#)

20 August 2018

[How our hospitals could reduce the pain and cost of complications](#)

16 August 2018

[High and random medical gap costs revealed](#)

practice at the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare in Melbourne this week. I presented at the forum and detailed how we could do so much more to invigorate primary care including by removing funding barriers, looking to regional solutions, personalising budgets and supporting coordinated care.

The Board in its latest meeting has proposed changes to the 2015 constitution to amend some interpretive inconsistencies, clarify voting eligibility provisions, remove overall limits on terms of office bearers and introduce a hiatus period for directors seeking re-election/reappointment after serving a maximum term.



Jo Watson, Deputy Chair, representing CHF at APEC, Tokyo

We congratulate deputy chair, Jo Watson on her reappointment as a director for a further three-year term. Jo represented CHF at a recent APEC forum in Tokyo as one of 50 signatories supporting a Consensus Statement of Shared Values and Ethical Principles for Collaboration and Interaction among Organisations in the Healthcare Sector. Australia's approach to consumer involvement, particularly through government support for an organisation like CHF was seen to be world leading and opens a potential role for CHF in responding to other countries' requests for advice on patient organisation involving in national policy.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Policy Updates

Private Health Insurance

The legislation which allows for Private Health Insurance reforms announced in October 2017 has been passed by the Commonwealth Parliament. The legislation was the subject of a senate inquiry, which CHF presented at in August. The report of that inquiry can be [found here](#).

CHF is continuing our work on this topic through the Private Health Ministerial Advisory Committee, which you can read [about here](#) and our work on Out of Pocket costs through the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Out-of-pocket costs, which you can read [about here](#).

If members have concerns about private health insurance, we encourage you to get in touch with Jo Root, Policy Director (j.root@chf.org.au). We may be able to help you understand this very complex issue better, or to provide specific advice about what is going on in the reforms as they pertain to your area.

Digital Health

MHR webinars draw wide range of experts

CHF has so far conducted four webinars on My Health Record and we have been fortunate to have secured the participation so far of 15 expert panelists who have provided the webinars with a broad range of informed perspectives on this sensitive and complex development.

The panelists have included critics and supporters of MHR. They have included consumers and GPs who accept MHR as an everyday part of their healthcare, digital specialists from universities and the Australian Digital Health Agency and health care advocates. The series of six webinars concludes in October with a session providing a wrap up on what has been covered and any remaining questions people have about MHR which they will be able to put to representatives of the Federal Government. The webinar series has been made possible through funding assistance from the Australian Digital Health Agency.

There are time-stamped and linked lists of questions asked at the webinars in the Youtube description, so it is easy to jump to a part of the webinar you are interested in.

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The webinar on Digital Inclusion and Health Literacy is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 13 September, and the recording will be available soon. You can [register for webinar 6](#), to be held on 4 October, which will provide an opportunity to summarise what has been covered, and put any remaining questions people have about My Health Record directly to representatives of the Federal Government.

The Digital Health Special Interest Group is also currently looking for new members. If you are interested, please [fill in an EOJ](#).

My Health Record Webinars

[Privacy and Security](#)

[Overview of Digital Health and My Health Record](#)

[Benefits of My Health Record](#)

[Risks of My Health Record](#)

Consumer Pain Roundtable

The Australian Government recently announced that Painaustralia will be supported to develop a National Strategic Action Plan on Pain Management (the Action Plan).

The Action Plan is a critical step towards improving quality of life for millions of Australians that live with chronic pain (daily pain that lasts three months or longer) and reducing the burden of pain which is increasingly impacting families, communities and the economy. The Action Plan will set out key priority areas and measures to improve access to, and knowledge of best practice pain management, in the next three years.

The voice of consumers is critically important in shaping a consumer-centred Action Plan. As part of a [wide consultation strategy](#), Painaustralia has funded CHF to host a Consumer Pain Roundtable to hear views about the priorities that consumers think will make the most difference. Following an expression of interest process, a wide range of consumers have been invited to attend, including those living with chronic pain, caring for someone with chronic pain, working in the health sector and people with an interest in addressing this national health challenge.

Snakes and Ladders: The Journey to Primary Care Integration Roundtable

Report from the event held on 1 August is in the final stages of design and will become publicly available this week.

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Submissions

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's Pharmacists in 2023: Discussion Paper

CHF submitted a response to the PSA's discussion paper exploring opportunities for expanding and developing the roles of pharmacists in the future.

Medical Research Future Fund: Priorities Survey

The Australian Medical Research Advisory Board sought reflections and feedback on the first set of priorities for the Medical Research Future Fund (the MRFF) via a survey. The submission detailing CHF's responses to the key questions in the survey can be [found here](#).

Upcoming Events

Youth Health Forum

We are getting excited for the Youth Health Forum next week. There are fifty young people coming together to discuss the health issues that matter to them most and to decide how this national group will work moving forward. Following the event, we plan to support a small delegation to present the outcomes to an audience including Greg Hunt MP and Shadow Minister Catherine King.

The event will be live-tweeted, and you can follow the Forum on twitter under the hashtag #YouthHealthForum

Consultations and Surveys

Monash University Survey on Expectations in Healthcare Testing

Monash University are currently undertaking a sociological study which aims to 'understand the sociocultural processes underpinning optimism for the use of testing technologies in healthcare'.

As part of this project, Monash University are currently seeking volunteers to participate in a short (approx. 5 minutes) online survey, with the option to participate in a follow up

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interview (approx. 40 to 60 minutes) on their experience with healthcare testing and screening in Australia.

Your participation in this study will contribute to developing evidence-based strategies for improving policy and practice in relation to healthcare testing.

Please note: There is currently no closing date – if you are interested, please complete sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

More information about the project can be found on their [website](#), including the Explanatory Statement and [link to the survey](#).

NT Consultation Forum - Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

Consultation on the second stage of potential reforms to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law is now open. A key aspect of the consultation process is a direct engagement with stakeholders through a series of national forums. You are invited to the Darwin forum, details below:

Date - 27 September 2018

Time - 8.30am to 12.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)

Location - Travelodge Resort Darwin (ex Mirambeena)
Cnr Cavenagh and Lindsay Street
Darwin

A consultation paper has been released by the COAG Health Council entitled [Regulation of Australia's health professions: keeping the National Law up to date and fit for purpose](#). A [Proposals and Issues Summary](#) and [Response Template](#) are also available. Further information can be found at the [COAG Health Council](#) website.

The forum is not intended to be a detailed briefing on every proposal for reform. Instead it is an opportunity to engage in discussion with other stakeholders on issues of shared interest. Attendees are highly recommended to familiarise themselves with the consultation paper prior to the forum.

If you wish to attend the forum, please register by **24 September 2018** via email: PublicConsultNCOC.DOH@nt.gov.au. Further information can be obtained via this [email address](#) or by calling Philip Brennan on 8922 7247.

Written submissions are encouraged and can be submitted by 31 October 2018 via email to: NRAS.consultation@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Registrations close 24 September 2018

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Consumer Representatives Program

Consumer Representative Appointments

Congratulations to:

- **Yingyu Feng**, nominated to attend the IHI-BMJ - 23rd International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare
- **Jennifer Muller**, nominated to attend the IHI-BMJ - 23rd International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare
- **Richard Brightwell**, nominated to attend the IHI-BMJ - 23rd International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare
- **Russell McGowan**, nominated to attend the IHI-BMJ - 23rd International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare
- **Wendy Benson**, nominated to attend the IHI-BMJ - 23rd International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare
- **Joanne Baumgartner**, nominated to the NPS MedicineWise - Antibiotics Expert Working Group.

CHF expects and appreciates reports from CHF nominated consumer representatives. These reports help keep CHF informed of consumer representative work.

Consumer representative reports can be made [online](#), via email, mail or phone. CHF thanks the following consumer representatives for keeping us up to date on their work.

- **Ailsa Rayner**, Collaborative Partnership - Employee Awareness Advisory Group
- **Neville Millen**, Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Orthopaedic (Hips)
- **Geoffrey Bartle**, National Blood Authority Board
- **Geoffrey Bartle**, NPS MedicineWise - Low Back Pain Expert Working Group
- **Diana Aspinall**, ACSQHC – General Practice Accreditation Coordinating Committee

Consumer Representative Vacancies

CHF nominates consumer representatives to high level committees and those related to funded priority areas. Calls for nominations are made via healthUPdate and the CHF website. Not all opportunities are advertised due to time limitations or because CHF decides to target invitations due to the specific work or strategic nature of the work involved.

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Department of Health - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Groups

The Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) advises the Minister on the suitability to list on the Prostheses List under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007. The Prostheses List Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs) are expert sub-committees of the Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) providing advice on issues relating to the clinical effectiveness of prostheses, including effectiveness compared to other devices. The PLAC makes recommendations to the Minister on which products are listed on the Prostheses List. Listing on the Prostheses List affects whether or not a prostheses benefit is available to consumers from a private health insurer.

Nominations/renominations are now due for the following Clinical Advisory Groups:

- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Specialist Orthopaedic
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Cardiac
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Cardiothoracic
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Ophthalmic
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Orthopaedic (Hips)
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Orthopaedic (Knees - KPCAG)
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group – Spinal
- Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Vascular Stents and Grafts

The CAGs refer applications to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) where the:

- New medical device employs a medical service that is not currently covered in the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), or
- New medical device might be used in a medical service that is currently described in the MBS, but potentially extends the range of indications/patients beyond the original intent of the MBS item/s.

The CAGs also advise the PLAC on:

- The evidence and information they require to assess applications to list medical devices on the Prostheses List.
- Any concerns in relation to safety and/or performance of medical devices, for referral to the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- Reviewing the listing of medical devices in view of issues relating to comparative health outcomes.
- On any other matter, as required.

More information is available at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-about-CAG>

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The workload for this work consists of four meetings per year over a four-year term. Meetings will be a combination of face to face and teleconference meetings. Please note that the Department of Health will cover sitting fees and travel costs for this work.

CHF thanks the following consumer representatives for their work over the last four years in providing a consumer perspective to the CAG's:

- Janney Wale - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Specialist Orthopaedic
- Rachel Bishop - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Cardiac
- Paul Simpson - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Cardiothoracic
- Karen Carey - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Ophthalmic
- Neville Millen - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Orthopaedic (Hips)
- Janney Wale - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Orthopaedic (Knees - KPCAG)
- Mary Jane Morales - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Spinal
- Eileen Jerga - Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group - Vascular Stents and Grafts

CHF invites expressions of interest from consumer representatives by midnight **AEST on Sunday 16 September 2018**. Interested consumer representatives will need to:

- Complete a CHF nomination form available online at <https://chf.org.au/representation/forms/consumer-representative-nomination-form>
- Attach a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation and/or provide sound demonstration of your links with a consumer base. This information ensures that consumer representatives are accountable to consumers. Please note that the health consumer group need not be a CHF member. This process ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers and have in place a consultative base enabling reps to draw from and report to consumers.
- Attach a short CV in pdf format

Please contact Ghislaine Martin on 02 6273 5444 or via email at g.martin@chf.org.au should you have any queries.

Expressions of interest close at midnight AEST 16 September 2018

Department of Health - Fourth Statutory Review of the Dental Benefits Act 2008 Review Committee

The *Dental Benefits Act 2008* (the Act) is the mechanism under which the Australian Government pays benefits for dental services to eligible dental patients. The Act provides a legal framework for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule. Section 68 stipulates that the Minister for Health must cause an independent review of the operation of the Act to be undertaken as soon as possible after the first anniversary of the

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commencement of the Act; and further independent reviews as soon as practicable after the Act's third anniversary and at three yearly intervals thereafter. Section 68 of the Act requires the Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) to nominate a consumer representative to participate in the Review Committee.

The Review Committee comprises of the following persons:

- person occupying the position of Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer;
- a person nominated by the Australian Dental Association;
- a person nominated by the Consumers' Health Forum of Australia; and
- two other persons nominated by the Minister, at least one of whom must have qualifications in medicine or dentistry.

The Review Committee will undertake the fourth independent review of the *Dental Benefits Act 2008* (the Act) and will assess the practical operation of the Act in regard to access and delivery of services, including an assessment of:

- eligibility notification and confirmation processes;
- claiming processes; and
- the Informed Financial Consent regime.

The Review Committee may also consider opportunities to improve the operation and administration of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule to allow for the most efficient, effective and sustainable delivery of dental benefits and services.

The work of the Review Committee will consist of meetings in Canberra plus out of session work as necessary from October 2018, with the report provided to the Minister of Health in early 2019. Meeting dates have yet to be confirmed. Please note that travel costs and sitting fees will be covered by the Department of Health for this work.

CHF invites expressions of interest from consumer representatives by midnight **AEST on Sunday 23 September 2018**. The details of two consumer representatives will be forwarded to the Minister of Health for possible appointment. Interested consumer representatives will need to:

- Complete a CHF nomination form available online at <https://chf.org.au/representation/forms/consumer-representative-nomination-form>
- Attach a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation and/or provide sound demonstration of your links with a consumer base. This information ensures that consumer representatives are accountable to consumers. Please note that the health consumer group need not be a CHF member. This process ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers and have in place a consultative base enabling reps to draw from and report to consumers.
- Attach a short CV in pdf format to be forwarded to the Department of Health

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The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) - Peak Imaging Coalition (PIC)

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) promotes the science and practice of the medical specialties of clinical radiology (diagnostic and interventional) and radiation oncology in Australia and New Zealand. The College drives the appropriate, proper and safe use of radiological and radiation oncological medical services for optimum health outcomes by leading, training and sustaining professionals. The work of the College is accredited against industry standard by the Australian Medical Council and the Medical Council of New Zealand.

Consumer representation is required for the work of the Peak Imaging Coalition (PIC). This committee is a conjoint committee of:

1. The Faculty of Clinical Radiology (FCR), The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR);
2. Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT);
3. The Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine (ACPSEM)
4. Australian Sonographers Association (ASA)
5. Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM)
6. Medical Imaging Nurses of Australia (MINA)

The Peak Imaging Coalition aims to advance the joint interests of the constituent bodies by addressing issues of common interest and/or concern, by making representations to Governments and other relevant bodies, by releasing consensus statements and other information on relevant matters and by providing advice to medical and other bodies upon request.

The Peak Imaging Coalition's objectives are to represent a key forum for collaboration between the medical imaging professions in the areas of quality, standards, workforce and public interest. It also aims to act as an important liaison point for the Commonwealth Department of Health and its committees and working groups and to communicate key sector priorities to all levels of Government and jurisdictions, relevant stakeholders and to the Public.

The work of the Peak Imaging Coalition's will consist of two face to face meetings per year, plus other meetings/teleconferences/videoconferences as needed. Face to face meetings are convened and hosted by each participating organisation in turn, therefore the location of meetings will alternate between Sydney and Melbourne. The appointment is for a two year term. Please note that travel costs and sitting fees will be covered by RANZCR for this work.

CHF thanks Lynda Whiteway for her work over the last four years in providing a consumer perspective to the Peak Imaging Coalition (PIC).

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CHF invites expressions of interest from consumer representatives by **midnight AEDT on Sunday 14 October 2018**. Interested consumer representatives will need to:

- Complete a CHF nomination form available online at <https://chf.org.au/representation/forms/consumer-representative-nomination-form>
- Attach a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation and/or provide sound demonstration of your links with a consumer base. This information ensures that consumer representatives are accountable to consumers. Please note that the health consumer group need not be a CHF member. This process ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers and have in place a consultative base enabling reps to draw from and report to consumers.
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Expressions of interest close at midnight AEDT on Sunday 14 October 2018

Department of Health – Australian Community Pharmacy Authority (ACPA)

The Consumers Health Forum (CHF) has been invited to provide nominations for the Minister's consideration for possible appointment to the Australia Community Pharmacy Authority (ACPA).

The ACPA makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health on applications made by pharmacists to establish a new pharmacy or relocate an existing pharmacy. In making its recommendation the ACPA must comply with the requirements specified in the Pharmacy Location Rules. The Pharmacy Location Rules are a fundamental component of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement (the Sixth Agreement) between the Commonwealth of Australia (as represented by the Australian Government Department of Health) and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (the Guild). This Agreement commenced on 1 July 2015 and terminates on 30 June 2020. More information on the Rules and the ACPA is available on the [Pharmacy Location Rules News](#) page.

The ACPA meets monthly in Canberra. The works consist of approximately one to two days attendance and one to two days preparation per month. Appointments are for a two-year term with members eligible for re-appointment. The term for this work is due to start in July 2019 with the current consumer representative's term on the ACPA due to expire on 5 July 2019. Please note that sitting fees and travel costs will be covered by the Department of Health for this work.

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CHF invites expressions of interest from consumer representatives by **midnight AEDT on Sunday 21 October 2018**. Interested consumer representatives will need to:

- Complete a CHF nomination form available online at <https://chf.org.au/representation/forms/consumer-representative-nomination-form>
- Attach a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation and/or provide sound demonstration of your links with a consumer base. This information ensures that consumer representatives are accountable to consumers. Please note that the health consumer group need not be a CHF member. This process ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers and have in place a consultative base enabling reps to draw from and report to consumers.
- Attach a short CV in pdf format

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Expressions of interest close at midnight AEDT on Sunday 21 October 2018

Other Consumer Representative Opportunities

CHF is NOT providing nominations for these committees

CHF advertises consumer representative opportunities that CHF does not provide nominations for in this section of *healthUPdate* and on www.chf.org.au. This is so that members can work directly with stakeholders to nominate consumer representatives to committees that are of interest to them.

CHF checks that consumer participation is supported with coverage of travel costs and sitting fees, however CHF does not prescribe an amount for sitting fees as committee requirements vary.

Consumer representatives interested in applying for these vacancies should talk to their consumer organisation about that organisation's interest in putting forward nominations for the committee.

CHF believes that consumer representatives should be nominated by an appropriate consumer network that is interested in supporting their work on the committee. This ensures consumer representatives are placed with the confidence of consumers and have in place a consultative base.

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CHF does not encourage or support consumer representatives seeking direct appointment with stakeholders.

*Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care -
Roundtable on third and fourth degree perineal tears*

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is seeking consumer participation for a Roundtable on third and fourth degree perineal tears to be held in Sydney on **Friday 16 November 2018 from 10am to 3pm**.

The purpose of the roundtable is to determine the appropriateness of developing a clinical care standard for the prevention and management of third- and fourth-degree perineal tears. The consumer representative will be asked to provide advice on third- and fourth-degree perineal tear prevention and management, participate in consultation processes, and identify whether a clinical care standard would support the delivery of appropriate care.

Sitting fees and travel costs will be covered for this work by the Commission.

Please note that should a recommendation be made to develop a clinical care standard in this area, the representative may be invited to continue their involvement until the completion of the clinical care standard.

Date: Friday 16 November 2018

Time: 10am -3pm

Where: Sydney

Interested consumers will need to send a copy of their CV and a letter of endorsement from a supporting health consumer organisation demonstrating your links with a consumer base to Blake Tierney, Admin and Procurement Officer, at the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Mr Tierney can be contacted via email at blake.tierney@safetyandquality.gov.au and on 02 9126 3600.

Expressions of Interest close by COB on 17 September 2018

The Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) - COSA Council

The Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) is a multidisciplinary society for health professionals working in cancer research, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care. COSA consists of over 1,000 individual members who are doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and scientists working in cancer care throughout Australia. A list of current affiliated organisations is available [here](#).

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COSA is seeking consumer representation for the COSA Council. The COSA Council represents all COSA Members, COSA Groups and Affiliated Organisations. The COSA Council is responsible for COSA activities and provides advice to the COSA Board. The Council consists of the President and President Elect, the immediate past President, the Chair of each COSA Group and the nominee of each Affiliated Organisation as well as a consumer representative.

The Council will meet three times a year. Two of these meetings will be held in Sydney in March and August. The third meeting will take place at the location of the Annual Scientific Meeting (2018 in Perth, 2019 Adelaide, 2020 Brisbane). The COSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) is held over three days each year in November. The ASM is a multidisciplinary meeting, inviting participation from doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and scientists working in cancer care nationally and internationally. A different state hosts the ASM each year, with a specific theme and focus on a cancer type.

Please note that travel costs and sitting fees will be covered by COSA for this work.

Member organisations interested in putting forward consumer representative nominations for the COSA Council should contact Chief Executive Officer, Marie Malica, at the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia on (02) 8063 4162 or via email at cosa@cancer.org.au.

Expressions of interest close at COB AEST on Friday 28 September 2018

Employment Opportunities

Research and Policy Officer – CHF

CHF's policy team is headed up by the Policy Director with four policy and research officers working across the full range of health issues with the priorities for that work driven by the membership. We are looking for a Research and Policy Officer to join our team.

As well as participating in the policy work of the team the Research and Policy officer will take the lead on undertaking both qualitative and quantitative research in support of that policy agenda. This will include surveys on various policy issues which include helping to develop our Australia's Health Panel as a robust online community. The Research and Policy Officer will also help with the redevelopment of the Real People Real Data toolkit and promote its use as well as using it for CHF's own qualitative analysis.

The Research and Policy Officer will also be required to help design and run focus groups and workshops which may involve some interstate travel.

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We are a busy team, juggling competing demands and working to tight deadlines. If you like a challenge and have the requisite skills and want to play a part influencing and shaping health policy at a national level, we'd like to hear from you.

How to apply

Brief written applications, including a CV and a no more than 2-page statement showing how you meet the selection criteria should be sent to info@chf.org.au by COB 18 September.

For further information or to discuss the role contact Jo Root, Policy Director, on j.root@chf.org.au or 02 6273 5444

[Position Description and Selection Criteria](#)

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