

Applications are being invited for consumers and community members to join our Community Advisory Group (CAG). **Closing Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

QIMR Berghofer is committed to imbedding Consumer and Community Involvement (CCI) across the Institute and it's research, wherever practicable. We believe that the meaningful involvement of consumers and community members will improve our research outputs, strengthen the quality of our research findings and enhance its translation.

**The purpose of the Community Advisory Group (the CAG) is to:**

- provide a consumer and community perspective on the research undertaken at QIMR Berghofer
- provide guidance to research program areas, labs and individual researchers on future directions, initiatives and research
- provide advice to the Council and the Director's Executive Committee on strategic directions and issues affecting the Institute, where requested
- provide feedback on proposed fundraising, marketing and communications initiatives
- monitor and guide the Institute's CCI program.

**What is expected of CAG Members?**

- The group will meet four (4) times a year, quarterly. Dates will be determined by serving members.
- Members are expected to serve a minimum of two (2) years. Re-appointments will be considered.
- In-person attendance is preferred, but remote attendance will be made available for regional CAG members or on request. Meeting venue can be rotated at the members' discretion.
- Members will receive compensation of \$150 for each 3 hour meeting they attend (inclusive of travel, meeting and preparation time).
- Further details are outlined in the attached draft terms of reference.

**We are looking for consumers and community members with:**

- a genuine interest in and/or lived experience relating to work conducted at QIMR Berghofer,
- an understanding of the health and medical research issues within our community, and
- the confidence to get involved in group interactions, and respect the contributions of others.

*It would also be desirable to have members who:*

- have established networks or links with related stakeholders in research (i.e. support or advocacy organisations, healthcare services, government, related commercial and/or industry), and
- have previous experience working on a committee.

QIMR Berghofer is committed to supporting and enabling equal opportunities and participation for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with disabilities.

**Those interested to apply should submit their expression of interest via email to Dr Nancy Cloake, Consumer and Community Involvement Lead at [involvement@qimrberghofer.edu.au](mailto:involvement@qimrberghofer.edu.au).**

Applicants should provide a copy of their resume along with a covering letter addressing the selection criteria above and including a brief statement about what attracted them to apply for CAG membership (one page maximum).

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