

INFORMATION SHEET

For 2024 advisory council applicants

Introduction

Murray PHN is seeking applications from suitably skilled people who are interested in joining its Goulburn Valley Community Advisory Council. Currently we have one vacancy to fill.

Murray PHN's vision is for healthy rural and regional communities with timely access to the primary care they need. We will achieve this vision with our purpose of strengthening primary healthcare, through integration, coordination and capacity building.

We will make a difference in this vision when we work with the broad cross section of community, clinical and government organisations, networks and leaders who have a shared stake in improving health outcomes for individuals, families and communities.

PHNs are required to establish and support a GP-led Clinical and Community Advisory Councils to inform strategy and commissioning functions.

The councils form part of the organisational governance structure and by working with the Strategy and Performance Unit, they help to bring community and clinical perspectives on strategic planning issues to Murray PHN's Board of Directors and Programs and Quality Committee.

Murray PHN's Board is informed through the following Board approved advisory committees:

- One Clinical Advisory Council for the catchment, which provides clinical perspective to major projects, strategy and data related to Murray PHN's role supporting the primary care system in our region.
- Four regional Community Advisory Councils representing each of our sub-regions (Goulburn Valley, Central, North East and North West Victoria), who will inform the strategy and commissioning function of the PHN.

Murray PHN region

The Murray PHN region stretches from Mildura in the north west, to Woodend in the south, across to Seymour and up to Albury NSW - an area of almost 100,000 square kilometres that is home to approximately 650,000 people across 22 local government areas.



Health priorities

Murray PHN's strategic health priorities focus on the health issues that have the greatest impact on the lives of our communities. Our strategic plan outlines our goals and focus areas for the coming years. [Click here](#) to read Murray PHN's current Strategic Plan.

We support holistic community health and wellbeing through strategic organisational and thematic priorities that integrate the following 10 interrelated focus areas:



CHRONIC DISEASE



POPULATION HEALTH



MENTAL HEALTH



GENERAL PRACTICE



AGED CARE



DIGITAL HEALTH



CHILD HEALTH



ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS



HEALTH WORKFORCE



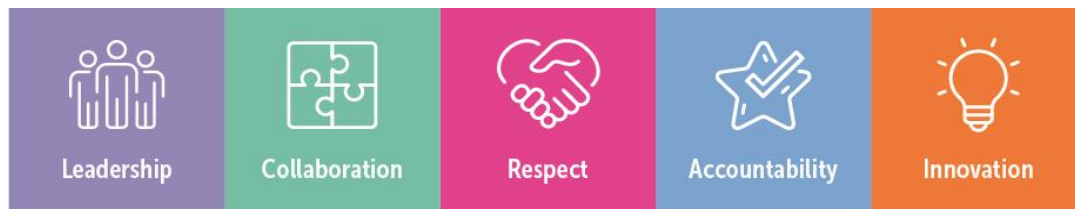
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Advisory council role

Advisory councils, whether community or clinical, provide advice to the Board through their contribution to Murray PHN's planning processes.

Advisory member expertise, local knowledge and connection to networks provides strategic value to Murray PHN, by giving the organisation information about place-based, practice and system level improvements.

Advisory council activity is in accordance with Murray PHN strategic objectives and obligations and members are expected to act in accordance with the organisation's values of:



Murray PHN advisory council members operate in accordance with Terms of Reference as well as the Advisory Council Code of Conduct. Although not regarded as staff, advisory council members are covered by Murray PHN's policies for Directors and Officers Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance as "insured persons".

For further information, refer to the following documents:

- [Community Advisory Council Terms of Reference](#)
- [Advisory Council Code of Conduct](#)
- [Advisory Council Remuneration](#)

Membership

Community Advisory Council membership consists of up to seven members, including chairs, and is reviewed on a twelve-monthly basis. Community Advisory Council applicants are invited to apply for a membership term of one, two or three years.

Representation includes people from different geographic locations who can attend and contribute to a range of topics, reflecting broadly on the community lens and possessing capacity to fulfil the Advisory Council Code of Conduct.

Community Advisory Councils

The role of our four Community Advisory Councils is to inform Murray PHN's strategic planning by providing the community perspective to ensure that decisions, investments, and innovations are patient centred, cost effective, locally relevant, and aligned to local care experiences and expectations. Community Advisory Councils do this by:

- participating in consultations facilitated by Murray PHN's Strategy and Performance Unit to inform strategic investment relative to Murray PHN's role in the region's primary healthcare system
- informing Murray PHN strategic priorities
- working with cultural humility and an understanding of holistic health and wellbeing.

Community Advisory Council membership is based on achieving a diverse cultural group, knowledgeable of local health systems and the consumer focus of primary healthcare in the relevant sub-region they reside, and who can fulfil the objectives of the Councils.

Members must be based in the Goulburn Valley region that incorporates the towns of Shepparton, Seymour, Yea, Numurkah, Marysville and Cobram.

Applications

Timelines

- Applications close at 5pm on Friday 15 November 2024.
- Applications will be reviewed by Murray PHN against the selection criteria. Individuals may also be contacted if further information is required.
- Successful candidates will be notified by phone after Thursday 28 November 2024.
- Unsuccessful candidates will be notified in writing after Thursday 28 November 2024.
- Orientation will be provided to successful candidates.

Submissions

At Murray PHN we seek to ensure that Advisory Council membership is reflective of the cultural and gender diversity of the communities that people represent. For this reason, we ask people in the application form to identify their cultural background and how they identify their gender.

[Click here](#) to begin your application, which will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Applications must be submitted by 5pm, Friday 15 November 2024.

Thank you for your interest.

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