

INFORMATION SHEET

For 2025 advisory council applicants

Murray PHN is seeking applications from suitably skilled people who are interested in joining one of its Community Advisory Councils.

We are currently looking to fill **four vacancies**: in Central Victoria (two vacancies), Goulburn Valley (one vacancy) and North East Victoria (one vacancy).

We would particularly welcome applications from people who identify as male and those with interest, experience or connections in alcohol and other drugs. Regionally, we also encourage applications that align with the following:

- **Central Victoria** (*incorporating Kerang, Inglewood, Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine and Kyabram*): people who live north of Bendigo, and those who have interest, experience or connections in LGBTIQ+ diverse communities and youth or child health.
- **Goulburn Valley** (*incorporating Shepparton, Seymour, Yea, Numurkah, Marysville and Cobram*): people who have interest, experience or connections in LGBTIQ+ and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, youth or child health, after hours medical care, and carers.
- **North East** (*incorporating Albury, Benalla, Tallangatta, Mansfield, Beechworth and Corryong*): people who live east of Albury/Wodonga and in the areas of Bright and Mansfield and who have interest, experience or connections in health workforce and/or carers.

Introduction

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 Strategy and Performance team, 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 community perspective and advice to the Board through their contribution to Murray PHN's planning processes.

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

Members will be required to work with cultural humility and an understanding of holistic health and wellbeing and to participate in consultations facilitated by Murray PHN's Strategy and Performance team to inform strategic priorities and investment relative to Murray PHN's role in the region's primary healthcare system

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:



Leadership



Collaboration



Respect



Accountability



Innovation

Murray PHN advisory council members operate in accordance with Terms of Reference as well as the Advisory Council Code of Conduct. For further information, refer to the following documents:

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

Membership

Members are required to have knowledge and experience of local health systems in the region, so that they can advise on decisions, investments and innovations that are patient centred, cost effective, locally relevant and aligned to local care expectations and experiences.

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 Council membership consists of up to seven members, including chairs, and is reviewed on a twelve-monthly basis. 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.

Applicants are invited to apply for a membership term of one, two or three years.

Advisory Council Chair role

The Advisory Council Chair demonstrates leadership to facilitate positive and productive participation and culture to support the purpose and impact of the advisory council in a way that is aligned to Murray PHN's purpose, strategy and values. The additional time commitment required supports planning of the meeting schedule and other related activities.

Applications

Timelines

- Community Advisory Council applications close 5pm, Friday 25 April 2025.
- Applications will be reviewed by Murray PHN against the selection criteria between 28 April and 6 May 2025. Individuals may also be contacted if further information is required.
- Successful candidates will be notified by phone after Thursday 29 May 2025.
- Unsuccessful candidates will be notified in writing from Thursday 29 May 2025.
- Orientation will be provided to successful candidates. Details are yet to be confirmed.

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 25 April 2025.

Thank you for your interest. We value your contributions and look forward to continued opportunities to work together either through the councils, or other engagement platforms.

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