

# INFORMATION SHEET

## For 2026 advisory council applicants

Murray PHN is seeking applications from suitably skilled people who are interested in joining the Clinical Advisory Council, or one of its four Community Advisory Councils. We are currently looking to fill six vacancies in our Clinical Advisory Council and two vacancies in each of our Community Advisory Councils in the Central Victoria, Goulburn Valley, North East and North West regions of Victoria.

Regionally, we also encourage applications that align with the following:

- **Clinical** (incorporating each of the four regions) particularly clinicians working in general practice, pharmacy and allied or community health, and those living in the North East, North West and Goulburn Valley regions.
- **Central Victoria** (incorporating Kerang, Inglewood, Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine and Kyabram): people who live north of Bendigo and south of Castlemaine who have interest in alcohol and other drugs, and/or carers.
- **Goulburn Valley** (incorporating Shepparton, Seymour, Yea, Numurkah, Marysville and Cobram): people who live south of Seymour and in the areas of Cobram and Yarrawonga who have interest, experience or connections in 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, alcohol and other drugs, and/or carers.
- **North West** (incorporating Mildura, Robinvale, Ouyen, Swan Hill and Donald) people who live south of Mildura and in the areas of Swan Hill, Ouyen and Sea Lake and who have interest, experience or connections in after-hours medical care and digital health.

### 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 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:



Leadership



Collaboration



Respect



Accountability



Innovation

- One Clinical Advisory Council for the catchment that 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) that 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:



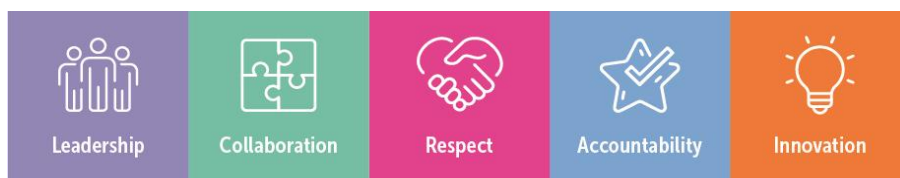
## Advisory council role

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 insights into 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 the 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’s strategic objectives and obligations and members are expected to act in accordance with the organisation’s values of:



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](#)
- [Clinical Advisory Council Terms of Reference](#)
- [Advisory Council Code of Conduct](#) (including Chair Role Statement)
- [Advisory Council Remuneration](#)

## Membership

The **Clinical Advisory Council** has 13 members, including the Chair. Members are appointed based on their connections to clinical networks and their knowledge and experience in the Murray PHN catchment. The council is GP-led and includes a diverse range of health professionals, such as nurses, allied and community health practitioners, specialists and hospital representatives.

The **Community Advisory Council** includes up to seven members appointed to ensure a culturally diverse group with strong knowledge of local health systems and the consumer-focused nature of primary healthcare in their sub-region. Representation includes people from different geographic locations who can contribute to a range of topics and reflect broadly on the community lens.

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.

The Chair of the Clinical Advisory Council must hold Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) or Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM) and have current APHRA medical registration for the duration of their Chair appointment.

## Applications

### Timelines

- Advisory Council applications close 5pm, Thursday 30 April 2026
- Applications will be reviewed by Murray PHN against the selection criteria between 30 April and 8 May 2026. Individuals may also be contacted if further information is required.
- Successful candidates will be notified by phone after Thursday 28 May 2026
- Unsuccessful candidates will be notified in writing from Thursday 28 May 2026
- Orientation will be provided to successful candidates. Details 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 we support. 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, Thursday 30 April 2026.**

Thank you for your interest.

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