Expressions of Interest

Members of the MMR Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG)

MMR is seeking to appoint 6-8 members to join the newly created Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) with Lived Experience expertise, as a consumer, family member, significant other or community with a lived experience of mental health, and/or alcohol and other drug issues, harms, and service use across the systems.

This is an exciting opportunity that is open to Lived Experience experts who:

- can use their Lived Experience expertise to take a strategic and whole of community view when considering issues and solutions;
- are willing and able to work collaboratively to provide innovative and contemporary advice and solutions; and
- are passionate about contributing to continuous improvement of MMR workshops, activities and plans.

Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, members of the LGBTIQA+SB community, age diverse, individuals living in regional and remote locations, individuals living with a disability, and people from diverse cultural backgrounds are particularly encouraged and welcomed to apply.

We are committed to providing an inclusive environment in which people can be themselves and their voices heard.

How did the LEAG come about?

The aim is to strengthen accountability and collaboration of MMR workshops, activities and in the development of our next Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The LEAG will bring together a collective group of diverse individuals that provide collective, evidence-informed, practical and achievable advice, relating to the strategic priorities and objectives of MMR. The advice is grounded in Lived Experience, voicing matters on behalf of all consumers, families, and significant others.

What we are looking for

Lived Experience expertise

- Lived experience of mental health, and/or alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues, harms, and service use across key systems, as an individual or as a family member or significant other;
- Existing connection to the mental health and/or AOD community, with a strong understanding of the diverse, evolving and needs of the community which they are connected to;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural expertise;
- Ability to speak collectively of lived experience; and
- Understand principles of trauma-informed practice, decolonisation, social justice, disability justice, and human and emancipatory rights.

Technical skills

 Ability to read and understand documents containing key strategies, frameworks, and workshop development materials;

- Demonstrate critical analysis by identifying gaps, impacts and potential solutions to complex mental health and alcohol and other drugs system level issues;
- Understand system-wide matters that impact mental health and AOD systems across Western Australia; and
- Apply strategic thinking, decision-making, and planning skills.

Leadership skills

- Demonstrates skills, vision, passion, and collaboration to help support the success of the LEAG as an important part of MMR; and
- Members of the LEAG must be residents of the South West of Western Australia.

Additional Details

Who will Chair the LEAG?

The LEAG will be permanently co-chaired by the CEO of MMR

Details of Appointments

- Members will be appointed for an initial term of up to three years.
- Members can be considered for reappointment at the discretion of the CEO.

Availability and Time Commitment

- It is anticipated the LEAG will meet twice yearly.
- The first meeting to undertake induction is planned for July 2025.
- Pre-readings and out of session work will be required in between meetings.
- The scope of these activities will be provided to members upon appointment.
- Meetings are held in-person within the Shire of Augusta Margaret River, however an online option is available in certain circumstances, including for regional participants.
- Dates and times of the meetings will be confirmed once appointments are finalised.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference and including all LEAG governance documentation will be provided to successful applicants prior to the first meeting.

How to Apply

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MMR LEAG, please complete the following EOI (Expression of Interest) form here.

EOI applications will close on 15 June 2025.

The assessment of applications will include:

- A review of the EOI application against the selection criteria to shortlist applicants;
- Invite shortlisted applicants to participate in an interview.