



## Improving the health of our community

# CONSUMER PARTICIPATION



## EAST GRAMPIANS HEALTH SERVICE VALUE STATEMENTS



#### INTEGRITY

We value integrity, honesty and respect in all relationships



#### **EXCELLENCE**

We value excellence as the appropriate standard for all services and practices



#### COMMUNITY

We respect the dignity and rights of our community and acknowledge their beliefs, regardless of their cultural, spiritual or socioeconomic background



#### WORKING TOGETHER

We value equally all people who make a contribution to EGHS to achieve shared goals



#### LEARNING CUITURE

We strive to continually learn and develop through education, training, mentoring and by teaching others

### Questions?

Q. How much time will I have to give?

A. This is up to you, but we do require regular commitment on some of our projects and committees.

Q. Do I need experience and qualifications?

A. No, we appreciate your time and willingness to provide feedback.

Q. Will I receive training?

A. If you are sitting on a committee you will receive an information kit and the opportunity for ongoing education and support. Other consumers will be offered training relevant to their role.

Q. What now? How do I get involved?

A. Email the Volunteer Coordinator on volunteercoordinator@eghs.net.au, or complete a Consumer Registration Form.

Q. Can I start straight away?

A. Before you start, we need to conduct a police check. You will need to sign a confidentiality agreement.



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Have your say in improving the safety and quality of our health service.

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#### What is a consumer?

Consumers are all members of the public who have used, or might use the services of East Grampians Health Service.

#### Consumers include:

- Patients
- Clients
- Residents
- Family members
- Carers
- Members of the general public

### What does a consumer do?

A consumer shares their views, knowledge and experiences to help us improve our services.

This might include providing feedback on our:

- Activities
- Services (urgent and future)
- Equipment

## What commitment is required?

As a consumer you can choose to be involved on a:

- Casual basis attending a consumer forum on a topic which interests you or completing a survey.
  - OR
- Short term basis being part of a project team
- Ongoing basis joining a committee.

#### Who can become a consumer?

- Anyone with an interest in health
- Past, present or future users of East Grampians Health Service
- Family members, carers or support persons of those who use our service.

## Why become a consumer?

Being an East Grampians Health Service consumer you can:

- Provide feedback and raise concerns which helps us improve our services.
- Be involved in our committees or project groups
- Be a representative for other community members
- Offer your ideas on planning and development to benefit future consumers
- Help identify gaps in our service
- Contribute to training and education for our staff to help them know what consumers really need.