

APPENDIX 1

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF  
Victorian Mental Health Carers Network Incorporated

I, .....,  
(name)

of .....  
(address)

desire to become a ..... member of Victorian Mental Health Carers Network Inc.  
(class of membership)

In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Association for the time being in force.

[To be completed by applicants who are not individuals.]

I appoint as my representative:

Name: .....

Address: .....

until such time as I advise the Secretary otherwise in writing.

.....  
Signature of Applicant/signature of authorised person for and on behalf of Applicant

Date: .....

.....  
I, ....., a member or a representative of a member of the Association,  
(name)

nominate the applicant, who is known to me, for membership of the Association.

.....  
Signature of Proposer / signature of authorised person for and on behalf of Proposer

Date: .....

.....  
I, ....., a member or a representative of a member of the Association,  
(name)

second the nomination of the applicant, who is known to me, for membership of the Association.

.....  
Signature of Seconder / signature of authorised person for and on behalf of Seconder

Date: .....

## **APPENDIX 5**

### **CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Association will be divided into the following three classes:

- (i) Organisation members
- (ii) Representative members
- (iii) Associate members

#### **Organisation members**

Organisation membership may be granted to an association, company or other organisation (not being an individual) which, as determined by the committee in its absolute discretion, is a carer organisation or has a significant carer focus. An Organisation member will be required to appoint an individual as its representative in accordance with these Rules and may change its representative from time to time by written notice to the Secretary.

An Organisation member has the right to:

- (i) receive notices of any general meeting of the Association; and
- (ii) attend, be heard at and vote at any general meeting of the Association.

The committee may in its absolute discretion set a limit to the number of Organisation members at any time.

#### **Representative members**

Representative membership may be granted to:

- (a) an unincorporated association or other collective of individuals which, as determined by the committee in its absolute discretion, consists principally of mental health carers. This collective may be defined (by way of example only) by its geographical region and/or its objectives. Such a Representative member will be required to appoint an individual as its representative in accordance with these Rules and may change its representative from time to time by written notice to the Secretary; or
- (b) an individual who, as determined by the committee in its absolute discretion, can make a contribution to the purposes of the Network as a result of being representative of a category or type of carers or having experience with particular carer issues. A category or type of carers may be defined (by way of example only) by its geographical region and/or its focus on particular service types.

A Representative member has the right to:

- (i) receive notices of any general meeting of the Association; and
- (ii) attend, be heard at and vote at any general meeting of the Association.

The committee may in its absolute discretion set a limit to the number of Representative members at any time.

### **Associate members**

Associate membership may be granted to an individual who is a carer or an organisation having involvement in carer issues (as determined by the committee in its absolute discretion).

An Associate member has no right to:

- (i) receive notices of any general meeting of the Association; or
- (ii) attend, be heard at and vote at any general meeting of the Association.

but may:

- (i) receive other information provided by or on behalf of the Association;
- (ii) contribute written feedback to the Association;
- (iii) attend other forums or events sponsored or hosted by the Association; and
- (iv) participate in other Association initiatives and events (as may be permitted by the committee from time to time in its absolute discretion).

There shall be no limit to the number of Associate members.

For the purposes of this Appendix 5, the committee accepts the following working definition of "carer":

A carer:

- may be a family member, partner, friend or other person;
- may be of any age;
- will commonly be actively involved in caring for and supporting a person with mental health issues, with this role not necessarily a static role but rather a role that is capable of fluctuation over time according to the needs of the person with mental health issues and the carer,
- will commonly have their life impacted by the wellbeing of the person with mental health issues, and
- commonly undertakes for the care of and support of a person with mental health issues in a voluntary capacity and not as part of their career or employment.