

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1 January – June 2026

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Community Participation Activities

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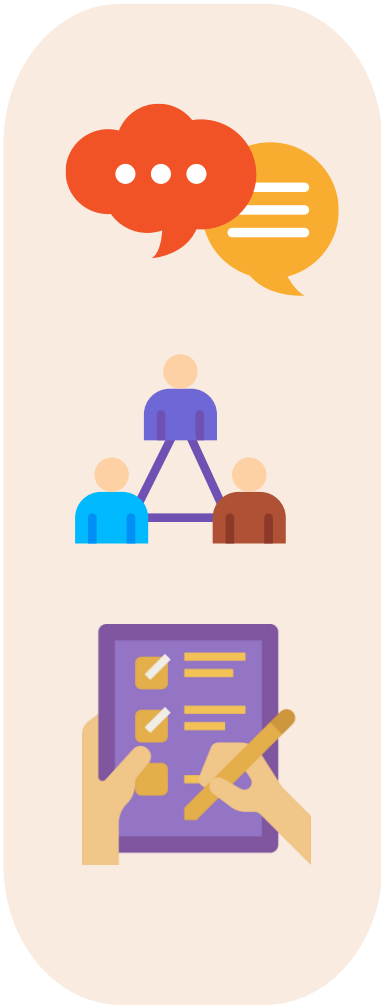
Participation Activities

33

Participants

Reasons for engagement

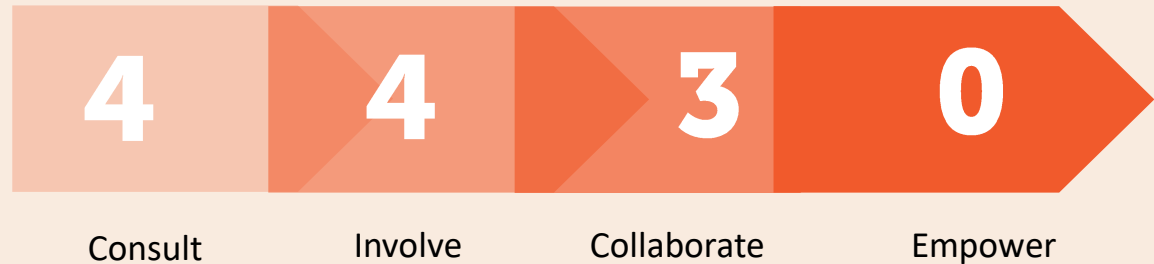
- To seek guidance and governance for our asthma community of practice and our palliative care, family violence and suicide prevention projects.
- To provide governance and advice to our board and executives on how we might progress certain activities.
- To design online training modules for health professionals regarding alcohol and other drugs so they can better support their patients (see the spotlight on the next page for more information).



Achievements

- Policies, procedures and other resources relating to community participation have been reviewed and updated as needed.
- 83% of new staff have completed the community participation learning modules.
- Launched our new engagement platform which will be used to further enhance our community participation activities.
- The [Community Council](#) met in March and June 2026.

Levels of participation



The level of influence community participants had on decision-making for these activities. See [IAP2 spectrum of participation](#) for more information.

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[My Health My Voice](#) newsletter subscribers

2 editions sent [February](#) and [May](#)

288

Total

4

New

[People Bank](#) members

286

Total

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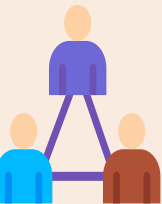
Spotlight



Stigma remains one of the biggest barriers for people seeking support related to alcohol and other drug (AOD) use. To help address this, we are developing a series of online learning modules for GPs, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals. The modules aim to support healthcare providers to deliver compassionate, person-centred care for people who may be experiencing challenges related to alcohol and other drug use.

In May and July this year, two people with a lived experience participated in a co-design workshop alongside a diverse group of healthcare professionals. Their insights and expertise will help to shape the development of the learning modules, ensuring they reflect real-world experiences and promote respectful, supportive approaches to care. The modules will be available to health professionals across our region later this year.

Planned Community Participation Activities



In the next 6 months: July – December 2026

- Continue to review and update policies, procedures and other resources relating to community participation as required.
- Develop resources and training to support general practice to engage well with their patients and communities.
- Explore next steps following the completion of the Community Participation Plan at the end of 2026.

Community Participation Plan – A snapshot



Our Vision:
Healthy people and a
healthy community

Our Goals

- Building meaningful relationships and trust with our communities.
- Ensuring our programs and services, shaped by our communities, are safe, accessible and sustainable.

Visit our website to read more about the [Community Participation Plan](#)

Our Principles

Purposeful



Inclusive



Collaborative



Transparent



Timely



Respectful

