



Community Advisory Committee Chair Simon Humphrey encourages people to apply to join.

GV Health invites the community to help shape the future of health services

GOULBURN VALLEY HEALTH IS SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN ITS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ENHANCE ITS HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

Six positions are available and successful applicants will begin their term in May 2024.

CAC Chair Simon Humphrey said the opportunity to contribute to the health service by becoming a member of the committee was important.

“Our role as a member of the CAC is to listen and be an advocate in the community.

“It’s an emotive time for people who are admitted into the hospital and their family members, and not everyone walks out with an understanding of what’s happening because it can be a stressful time,” he said.

Made up of 12 community members and representatives from the GV Health staff and board, the CAC provides a vital consumer voice and perspective to the GV Health board.

“GV Health services a multicultural community, so it’s important to advocate for that.”

“The members of the CAC are from diverse cultural backgrounds, which is really important, and everyone gets to have their say or ask a question,” Mr Humphrey said.

He said ideal CAC members were individuals from the Greater Shepparton community who were interested in healthcare and wanted to promote change.

CAC member John Hill highlighted the significance

of his committee involvement and the importance of representing a consumer’s perspective.

“I am in the age group where I will be required to access services at GV Health more often.

“I know people in my age group who need to access health services, so it’s important for me to listen to them and become a voice for them,” he said.

Mr Hill said his time as a member of the CAC had provided an invaluable experience.

“The CAC is a communication tool between the community and the hospital, and we are the voice that makes that happen,” he said.

CAC members are appointed voluntarily for three years, with the opportunity for reappointment for a further two years.

Applicants must be over 16 years of age and may be current, previous, or potential patients of GV Health or a carer or family member of someone who uses GV Health’s services.

CAC meetings are held bimonthly, with six meetings each year.

For more information or to request an application pack, contact consumerpartners@gvhealth.org.au or call 03 5832 2258.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, March 15.



CAC Member, John Hill said he has enjoyed his experience as a member of the committee.