



Private Mental Health Consumer Carer Network (Australia)

engage, empower, enable choice in private mental health

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The purpose of this brief Communiqué is to keep our members informed about the main discussions, deliberations and activities after each of our two face to face meeting of the National Committee. We hope that it give you some indication of our meeting discussions. We would be pleased to receive any comments you may wish to make about any of these issues at admin@pmhccn.com.au

The Network held its **thirty third meeting** on the **22 and 23 February, 2016** in Melbourne. Major items of discussion were:

This is a brifed Communiqué from this meeting as most of day one was appropriated to discussions about the Network's request to be incorporated. See item below:

Governance of the Network beyond 30 June, 2016

The AMA has requested that in light of risks to the Network and Network office bearers, their strong recommendation is for the Network to take steps to incorporate.

Considerable time was spent discussing and reviewing the two main types of incorporation of the Network that is either a company limited by guarantee, or as an incorporated association. We will advise of the deliberations once they have taken place. It is assumed the incorporation of the Network will be completed by 30th June, 2016.

We are very grateful to the AMA for their continual support particularly in order for us to operate.

Training opportunities and online resources

The Network has felt for some time now that consumers and carers are key partners in the training and ongoing education of clinicians. The Chair will follow up on potential funding sources.

If funds were obtained by the Chair, it is proposed that this initiative will be titled: ***Consumers and Carers as Educators Project***. What this space for more information about this exciting proposed project!

A Practical Guide for Working with Carers of People with a Mental Illness

The Guide has been developed by the Guide Development Committee and will be designed in the coming week/s. Launches have been planned for jurisdictions with the Official Launch to be held at Mental Health Australia's Members Policy Forum upcoming meeting.

Just remember: After the National Committee has endorsed the Minutes of this meeting in a few weeks, they will be posted onto our website of www.pmhccn.com.au where you can read the full content of the two days.