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DDHHS calling for community input

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) is looking for members of the community to fulfil a number of voluntary roles on its Consumer Council.

“We have long held the view that there is a great deal of value in including input from community members, when it comes to looking at the way we do business,” said Dr Peter Gillies, DDHHS Acting Chief Executive.

“We are looking for people to participate in the Consumer Council to assist us to develop, review and/or evaluate local strategies to improve the way we deliver health care services for consumers in the DDHHS region.

“There are three roles to fill and the selection of members will be through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process, with membership being for a period of two years.

“Members will be required to attend an initial half-day training and orientation session and then attend six meetings per year.”

Dr Gillies said DDHHS was looking for people with experience from within a range of skills.

“There are a number of key areas where we would welcome community input so we are looking for applicants with experience from areas including: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Well-being; Chronic Disease Management; Mental Health; Maternal and Child Health; Disabilities; Carers; Aged Care; Primary Prevention and Early Intervention,” he said.

“If you have the ability and skills to represent community interests, the confidence to advise governing bodies; provide feedback to your community and work collaboratively, we’d like to hear from you.”

Nominations close at 5pm, Friday 19 February 2016.

For more details and information on how to nominate please contact

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A downloadable version of the EOI Consumer Council Membership form can be found online at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/darlingdowns/pdf/community-engagement-form.pdf>

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