



The Community Committee of the IDGP

The general role of the Community Committee is to:

1. Provide ongoing consumer input and feedback to the IDGP for strategic planning, and the development of programs
2. Create a relationship with the community that allows for lobbying to achieve desired changes
3. Further identify needs in the community in order to target programs effectively for the IDGP
4. Provide feedback to the community
5. Assist in identifying community members to be community representatives for specific IDGP programs

Terms of Reference

The Community Committee of the Illawarra Division of General Practice will:

- Provide information and advice from a consumer perspective to enhance the role and work of the Illawarra Division of General Practice (IDGP) and to assist General Practitioners (GPs) to define and improve quality in general practice. For example, comment on programs, documents and discussion papers being developed by the IDGP.
- Discuss and comment on the needs of communities in the Illawarra and issues related to general practice and primary health care.
- Participate in relevant aspects of the strategic planning of the IDGP.
- To make recommendations to the IDGP Board related to community and consumer health issues.
- Be consulted/advise/suggest and support further opportunities for consumer involvement in programs, activities and evaluation for the IDGP. Provide advice and direction for the operation of the IDGP community liaison program, community committee and community network.
- Provide feedback to the community regarding the aims and activities of the IDGP according to the guidelines for the group.
- Develop partnerships with consumer and community organisations to allow for two way flow of information and communication between consumers and GPs.
- Assist with developing process for identifying potential consumers, community members and patients to participate in specific IDGP programs. For example, advise on methods for nominating representatives to attend and participate in specific IDGP programs or advisory groups, staff interview selection panels.
- Liaise with IDGP staff, board members and GPs when appropriate.
- Participate in activities or projects of the community committee.