

**Call for Abstracts NOW OPEN**

***Power and Passion:***

***Culture change through consumer engagement and partnerships***

**Date:** Thursday 18 May 2017 **Time:** 8.30am – 5.00pm

**Venue:** Rydges Southbank Townsville, 23 Palmer Street, Townsville Qld 4810

Health Consumers Queensland look forward to receiving your abstracts to present at our 2017 Annual Forum. **We invite health consumers and carers, Queensland health staff and services, Primary Health Networks, community members and community organisations to share your stories and experiences through presentations.**

***A healthcare organisation’s culture – ‘the way we do things around here’ – shapes the behaviour of everyone in the organisation and so affects the quality of care that together they provide. (NHS, UK.)***

**Abstract Submission details**

* **Abstracts must be submitted using this template by 5pm Tuesday 10 January 2017**
* We encourage Queensland based, joint presentations by a staff member and/or consumer/carer
* Presentations will be 30 minutes duration, including question and answer discussion time
* A**bstracts will be selected by a reference group comprising** Health Consumers Queensland staff and consumer representatives
* Limited travel assistance is available for successful consumer applicants, however it is expected that staff (and ideally also consumer) speaker travel be covered by the local health service

**Kay Dates and Deadlines**

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| Call for Abstracts Open  | Tuesday 15 November 2016 |
| Expression of Interest open for Annual Forum Reference Group  | Monday 21November 2016 |
| EOI Annual Forum Reference Group Close    | Friday 16 December 2016 |
| Call for Abstracts Close                 | Tuesday 10 January 2017 |
| First Annual Forum Reference Group Meeting | Late January TBA, 2017 |
| Call for Abstract Presenters notified | Friday 10 February 2017 |
| Annual Forum Networking session, Townsville  | Wednesday 17 May 2017 |
| Annual Forum, Townsville | Thursday 18 May 2017 |

**Examples include:**

* **How has your personal commitment and action towards meaningful consumer engagement and partnerships, changed the culture of your local health service?**
* **Local examples of consumers as leaders in developing partnerships with health services**
* Current consumer or community engagement processes/projects that build genuine partnerships involving consumers in the design, delivery and evaluation of services
* The role of a health service Board and/or Executive championing consumer engagement within an organisation

**Call for Abstract Template**

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| **Abstract Title**  |  |
| **Speaker/s contact details** | Name of health service: |
| **Speaker 1 - Staff Member name:** |
| Role: |
| Contact Phone Number: |
| Email Address:  |
| **Speaker 2 – Consumer name:** |
| Organisation & title or role/link with Health Service: |
| Contact Phone Number: |
| Email Address: |
| **Presentation Abstract description (must not exceed 500 words)**  |  |
| **Presenter biography/ies (50-100 words max)**  | Presenter 1:  |
|  | Presenter 2: |

All enquiries regarding abstracts for the Health Consumers Queensland Annual Forum **should be emailed to**consumer@hcq.org.au If you have any further questions please ring our office and talk to Chelsea Gourgaud on 07 3012 9090.