



Bushfire Mental Health Project

Call for Expression of Interest – Project Advisory Group Community Members

Wellbeing SA's Mental Health & Wellbeing Directorate has received \$2.61 million to deliver a new Building Mental Health, Wellbeing and Resilience in the Community Project (the Bushfire Mental Health Project). This Project will support the communities impacted by the fires of the 2019/2020 bushfire season, namely: Kangaroo Island, Adelaide Hills, Yorketown and surrounding areas.

What will the project achieve?

- Maintain and strengthen the mental health, wellbeing and resilience of bushfire impacted communities and the impact of bushfires on the wider state
- Support for communities to drive their own recovery by identifying needs and informing responses/solutions, building community resilience and connectedness
- Increase overall community capacity to identify and be responsive to each other's mental health and wellbeing needs
- Build on local strengths and networks to increase community connectedness and resilience, to support responses to recent and future disasters and emergencies
- Ensure mental health and wellbeing recovery is community-led and driven
- Ensure local businesses, councils and community organisations are strongly engaged in and supported to lead the building of community capacity and resilience in relation to mental health and wellbeing.

What's the purpose of the Project Advisory Group?

To achieve the outcomes of this Project, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Directorate will bring together a Project Advisory Group to inform the directions and implementation of the project going forward.

We are seeking members of the Adelaide Hills, Yorketown and Kangaroo Island communities who would like to be a part of the Project Advisory Group.

The Project Advisory Group (PAG) will meet quarterly to oversee and guide the implementation of the Bushfire Mental Health Project, in partnership with the Mental Health and Wellbeing Directorate of Wellbeing SA and the community members of the Kangaroo Island, Adelaide Hills and Yorketown communities.

Specific responsibilities of the PAG

- Partnering in the planning, review and implementation of each stage of the project.
- Providing guidance, experience and expertise relating to community mental health and wellbeing related recovery from bushfires.

- Providing guidance and support to enable monitoring and evaluation of the project's successes and learnings, including ability to inform the broader recovery evidence base.
- Supporting the development of partnerships and stakeholder relationships to achieve the outcomes of the project.
- Providing advice to ensure that activities delivered for the project are informed by community needs, evaluation findings and recovery research.
- Providing advice to ensure that the project is undertaken in partnership with people in bushfire affected communities.

What sorts of skills and knowledge do I need?

Applications are sought from people who live in the Adelaide Hills, Yorketown and Kangaroo Island communities who have skills in:

- **Co-production/co-design:** being able to work constructively and supportively in a team, including government representatives, with a range of views which may be different from yours.
- **Document review:** being able to analyse a written document to see whether it's understandable and meaningful to people in your community.
- **Planning:** being able to identify steps and processes required in planning projects.

First Project Advisory Group Meeting details

- **Date:** Friday 25 September 2020
- **Time:** 9:30am – 11am
- **Location:** Mental Health and Wellbeing Directorate's office
Ground Floor, 60 Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide and via video conferencing

Will I be paid?

Remuneration will be provided to PAG members at a rate of \$30 per hour, in alignment with SA Health Sitting Fees and Reimbursement for External Individuals Policy Directive.

Interested?

Please click [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHFMMWS) to complete the Expression of Interest or go online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHFMMWS> by 5pm, 16 September 2020.

For more information, or if you need an alternative option for applying, please call Madeleine Bing-Fish on (08) 8463 6116, 0466 847 966 or email: madeleine.bing-fish@sa.gov.au

What happens then?

- You will receive an email advising your Expression of Interest has been received.
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a short interview to discuss their Expression of Interest.
- Either way, you will be advised of the outcome of your Expression of Interest.

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