

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2017

Company:

Gilead Sciences Pty Limited

Name of Health Consumer Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of support	Nature of support (monetary value or equivalent) or description of non-financial support
Hepatitis Australia	<p>Grant provided to support World Hepatitis Day 2017. Hepatitis Australia is a central partner in the national response to viral hepatitis working in close partnership with eight state and territory hepatitis organisations as well as other organisations and individuals who share the same vision to end to hepatitis B and hepatitis C in Australia. Key components of their work are their national policy and advocacy, provision of community information and education and support for hepatitis service delivery.</p> <p>Their objective is to utilise world hepatitis day to focus community awareness on easier access to treatments which cure hepatitis C and manage hepatitis B. The grant was utilised to produce stakeholder communication, key messages, merchandising, media releases, online assets and graphics</p>	\$ 30,000
National Association of people with HIV Australia (NAPWHA)	<p>Grant provided to the organisation to support the publication of Positive Living Magazine- their publication is a flagship of the organisation and the Positive Living HIV membership nationally. It has become a valuable information and education resource for the HIV positive community. This grant aids in the production costs of the magazine.</p>	\$ 30,000
Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	<p>Grant provided to the organisation to support 2017 projects to lead conversations about cancer within the community that will result in a better understanding of the entrenched bias of the current systems against rare cancers and what might be done to address it.</p> <p>Patients with rare cancers face significant hurdles surrounding access to treatment. In order to improve awareness of the issues facing Australians living with rare cancers, RCA will undertake a number of initiatives in 2017. The intent is to directly communicate with federal politicians, members of the medical profession and the general public in a manner that promotes understanding of the issues and challenges surrounding rare cancers in Australia. The grant will assist in the following deliverables</p> <p>Composition of a detailed research/issues paper that draws on RCA's experience in dealing with patients, clinicians and government to highlight the barriers within the current regulatory framework that prevent fair and equitable access to treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Community Service Announcement promoting fairer treatment for rare • Co-ordinated and extensive traditional and social media campaign. • MP Dinners staged in Parliament House and featuring high profile speakers discussing the issues and solutions surrounding rare cancers treatment. • Staging of the Canberra Forum – Two one-day events to be held separately in Canberra; scheduled for August and will feature speakers from inside and outside the cancer community discussing the major issues of concern around cancer treatment. 	\$ 10,000

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WA AIDS Council	Co-Sponsored grant provided to support the WA AIDS Council Treatment Forum which is an annual event that attracts approximately 50 clients and a number of professionals working in the HIV sector. The treatment Forum engages and educates people living with HIV in Australia. The grant contributes to the venue hire, audiovisual & hospitality costs.	\$ 1,080