

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

Company: Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd
For the period: 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2022

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
ausEE Inc.	<p>The ausEE Inc. is a charitable organisation whose mission is to improve the lives of those affected by eosinophilic diseases through providing support, evidence-based information, resources, advocacy and by campaigning to raise awareness and fund for further research in Australia.</p> <p>As a corporate silver sponsor of the organisation, the financial contribution from BMS was to support the organisation activities, services and projects for the year.</p>	Total Support: \$5,000
Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association	<p>The Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association (ACCA) is a charity whose primary purpose is to provide support services, advice and encouragement to people suffering from inflammatory bowel disease. It aims at raising awareness of Crohn's and colitis and promoting gut health within the community.</p> <p>The funds provided in December 2022 by BMS supports the organisation of the May 2023 IBD Information Forum. The purpose of the event is to educate patients, family and carers of the support and strategies available to help them cope with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.</p> <p>BMS also provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$766.</p>	Total Support: \$10,766
Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance Ltd	<p>The Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance is an alliance of Australian consumer health groups whose goal is to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians through a health system that puts the consumer at its heart; one that draws on the experience of Australians living with health conditions and embeds consumers at every step of the policy making process.</p> <p>The financial donation provided by BMS was to support the organisation's prioritised activities for 2023.</p> <p>BMS also provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$484.</p>	Total Support: \$15,484
Australian Patients Association Limited	<p>The Australian Patients Association is an independent not-for-profit organisation established to promote and protect the rights and interests of patients, and improve overall patient outcomes. They address important health issues impacting on patient care in the public and private healthcare system. They are also actively involved in educating patients about their rights and choices, as well as supporting patients in need.</p> <p>The financial Corporate Membership support provided by BMS was to support the organisation's overall mission and objectives for the year; which include providing patient education and advocacy.</p> <p>BMS also provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$284.</p>	Total Support: \$16,284
BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc	<p>BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc. is an independent registered charity organisation whose mission is to increase community, general practitioner and health professional awareness of bladder cancer; to provide support services to the bladder cancer community; to advance bladder cancer research, diagnosis and treatment options.</p> <p>BMS financially supported the organisation in 2022 through a charitable donation to help the organisation achieve its mission & overall objectives.</p>	Total Support: \$10,000
Global Healthy Living Foundation Pty Ltd	<p>Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF) Australia is a non-profit organization with the mission to improve the quality of life for people living with chronic illness through advocacy, education, and patient-centered research.</p> <p>In 2022 BMS supported the organisation's phase 2 of the Australian Psoriasis Patient and Carer Resource Programming. The phase 2 purpose of the program is to continue developing patient-centred educational and empowerment resources for Australian psoriasis patients and their families.</p>	Total Support: \$20,000
Head and Neck Cancer Australia	<p>Head and Neck Cancer Australia's mission is to improve the quality of life for head & neck cancer patients, their families and carers, through education, awareness and access to support.</p> <p>The financial contribution from BMS supported the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - online and printed education materials to be made available for patients at health care locations, - three enduring webinars to educate and support the Head and Neck Cancer community, - the Parliamentary Friends of Cancer Care and Cure (PFOCCC) meeting at the Parliament House. 	Total Support: \$15,000
Hearts4Heart	<p>Hearts4Heart aims to raise awareness of heart disease and give patients equal access to advice, support, education and treatment.</p> <p>BMS supported the organisation's activities related to Atrial Fibrillation & Cardiomyopathy as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cardiomyopathy Awareness Week in April 2023 - the aim is to improve awareness, diagnosis and management of cardiomyopathy amongst patients - Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Week in September 2022 - the aim is to raise awareness of the AF prevalence in Australia and educate people about symptoms and risk factors - Building the patient network- through advocacy and the CRM platform 	Total Support: \$10,000
Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia is a charity working to improve lung health and reduce the impact of lung disease for all Australians. Its main activities are promoting lung health and early diagnosis, advocating for policy change and research investment, raising awareness about the symptoms and disease, and championing equitable access to treatment and care.</p> <p>In 2022 BMS supported the organisation as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a partnership proposal which included funding for a patient issues awareness campaign with the Parliamentary Friends group and also for the foundation overall mission and objectives. Amount contributed was \$15,000. 2) a Peer Support Programme whose purpose is to provide a multifaceted platform for people who are facing similar situations to engage together and share their lived experiences. The platform consists of four streams for people to connect; closed online platform, telephone support group, face to face support group, and one-on-one support. Amount provided was \$20,000. 3) logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the 'Annual Leader and Shadow Ministry Dinner' held in March 2022 and the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable in November 2022. Value of support was \$456. 	Total Support: \$35,456

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Lymphoma Australia	<p>Lymphoma Australia is a charitable organisation dedicated to provide education, support, awareness and advocacy initiatives for Australians touched by lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. It also supports research for a cure.</p> <p>BMS provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$564.</p>	Total Support: \$564
Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network	<p>The Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network (MSCAN) is a charity whose purpose is to listen to, represent and inform the melanoma and skin cancer community with a focus on innovation in care & research, advocacy & policy, and resources & information.</p> <p>In 2022, BMS provided support for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the organisation's "Find the missing spots! Promoting skin checks despite the pandemic activity" campaign. Amount donated was \$5,000. 2) the content development for the organisation's website. Amount provided \$5,000. 3) a general donation of \$5,000 towards the overall organisation's mission and objectives. 	Total Support: \$15,000
Melanoma Institute Australia	<p>Melanoma Institute Australia is a not-for profit organisation dedicated to minimising the impact of melanoma through innovative research, treatment and education programs.</p> <p>In 2022 BMS provided financial support towards the organisation's 2023 educational programme which includes events planned for patients and the community.</p>	Total Support: \$35,000
Melanoma Patients Australia	<p>The Melanoma Patients Association (MPA) is an independent, not for profit organisation dedicated to supporting and representing those affected by melanoma. Their vision is to reduce the impact of melanoma on all Australians by providing a range of comprehensive support services to patients affected by melanoma including emotional support, information and connections.</p> <p>BMS provided financial support towards the organisation's program and activities in 2022, as below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Peer Support Program aiming at helping survivors cope with their cancer diagnosis, treatment, and life after treatment. Amount funded was \$20,000. 2) Creation of Patient help sheets & video vignettes. Amount provided was \$10,000. 3) Holding of monthly live patient information sessions. Amount provided was \$10,000. <p>Also BMS provided logistics assistance to one representative of the organisation to attend the 'Annual Leader and Shadow Ministry Dinner' held in March 2022. Value of support was \$58.</p>	Total Support: \$40,058
Ovarian Cancer Australia	<p>Ovarian Cancer Australia is an independent national not-for-profit organisation, supporting women diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The organisation provides care and support for those affected by ovarian cancer; and represent them by leading change. Their vision is to save lives and ensure no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone.</p> <p>In 2022 BMS financial support was towards the organisation's mission and objectives.</p> <p>BMS also provided logistics assistance to two representatives of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$1,594.</p>	Total Support: \$2,594
Pancare Foundation	<p>The Pancare Foundation is a charitable organisation committed to inspiring hope, raising awareness, supporting families and funding research for upper gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.</p> <p>BMS sponsored the organisation's "Connecting for Hope: Upper Gastrointestinal Cancers & You" program which is a national tour of education sessions held across Australia and online. The objective of this program is to offer practical advice from local specialists regarding cancer care, available support services, support for treatment side effects and coping techniques. The sessions will be complemented with a peer support group sharing session, in which patients and carers can safely share and connect with others.</p> <p>BMS also provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November 2022. Value of support was \$696.</p>	Total Support: \$25,696
Patient Voice Initiative Incorporated	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative is a collaboration between patients, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian health system.</p> <p>BMS provided a financial support of \$15,000 towards the 2022/23 organisation's activities consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the expansion of the Consumer Online Toolkit, including a rebuilt of current site - Online Patient Communities Group - Consumer Comment support - expansion of direct outreach to relevant patient and carer groups to raise awareness of online resources, social media shareables, and Q&A online events - Patient Voice training for new and less experienced HCOs - Consumer Conversations - dialogue led by patient advocates on key topics - HTA (Health Technology Assessment) reform thought leadership - educate on best practice & consensus from a patient perspective - SPEAKERS program (Supporting Patient Engagement and Knowledge through Efficient Resource Search) - continue the dialogue with Google to advocate for greater inclusivity in search functions and use of AI <p>Also BMS provided logistics assistance to one representative of the organisation to attend two events in 2022; namely the 'Annual Leader and Shadow Ministry Dinner' held in March and the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable in November. Value of support was \$1,072.</p>	Total Support: \$16,072
Psoriasis Australia	<p>Psoriasis Australia is a charity at the forefront of raising awareness and understanding of Psoriatic Disease with the medical profession and wider Australian public.</p> <p>In 2022 BMS provided logistics assistance to a representative of the organisation to attend the patient centric 'Shaping Healthcare Together' roundtable held in November. Value of support was \$484.</p>	Total Support: \$484
Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	<p>Rare Cancers Australia (RCA) is a charity whose purpose is to improve awareness, support and treatment of Australians with rare and less common cancers. They do this through advocacy, awareness, community and financial support.</p> <p>In 2022, BMS supported the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CanForum Nov 2022 - a national forum on key issues confronting the Australian cancer community (\$30,000) 2) Rarification of Cancer Report - aimed at raising awareness and understanding of impact, opportunities and challenges of cancer disease (\$30,000) 3) Though Leader Series - production of 5 videos of candid and insightful conversations with inspirational leaders in the Australian rare cancer community (\$25,000). 4) Mount Kosi Challenge 2022 - an annual fund raising event hosted by RCA. A number of BMS employees participated in the event and raised funds by themselves. The company support was to match the employees fund raising efforts up to a maximum of \$50,000. Value of BMS donation for the event was \$50,000. 	Total Support: \$135,000