

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

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Name of Health Consumer Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of the support	Nature of support - monetary value or description of non-financial support
Healthy Bones Australia	<p>Healthy Bones Australia (HBA), formerly Osteoporosis Australia, is a national non-for-profit organisation and the leading consumer body working to improve bone health across Australia. HBA is focused on increasing community and healthcare professional awareness of the disease and advocating to reduce the impact of osteoporosis nationally. This sponsorship supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Know Your Bones Program: An evidence-based, online, self-assessment tool developed in partnership with the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. The tool provides individualised reports about the risk of osteoporosis that can be discussed with healthcare professionals.• 20-year anniversary event: An opportunity for clinicians, researchers, government representatives, stakeholders, patient advocates, and supporters in the bone landscape to recap key achievements in the field and identify future opportunities to increase the prevention and management of osteoporosis.	\$100,000.00
Patient Voice Initiative	<p>The Patient Voice Initiative (PVI) is a collaboration between patients, health consumers, researchers and industry working towards improving the patient voice in the Australian healthcare ecosystem. This sponsorship supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A stakeholder forum that encouraged collaboration and dialogue.• Stakeholder working groups that helped to identify and prioritise key issues and evaluate potential initiatives that could support the patient voice.• Tools and resources that assist the development of new approaches to delivering patient input for use in the regulatory and HTA processes.	\$15,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia is the only charity and leading peak body of its kind in Australia that funds research and delivers support services that give hope to people living with lung disease or lung cancer.</p> <p>Lung Foundation Australia also brings together the Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum (ANZ-LCNF), Australasia's largest community of lung cancer nurses, and supports their efforts to enhance the quality and capacity of lung cancer nursing care.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported ANZ-LCNF with professional development, advocacy, member engagement and leadership initiatives.</p>	\$30,000.00
Thoracic Oncology Group of Australia	<p>The Thoracic Oncology Group of Australasia (TOGA) is the leading lung cancer and mesothelioma trials group in Australasia. TOGA is a multidisciplinary group, delivering quality research and clinical trials to lung cancer patients, as well as educational forums for health care professionals and consumers across the region.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported TOGA with their consumer education workshop that was developed with the objective of providing informative discussion on thoracic cancer screening, diagnosis, treatments and clinical trials.</p>	\$15,000
Skin Health Institute	<p>The Skin Health Institute is a not-for-profit health organisation that delivers highly specialised clinical treatment, education and research for skin diseases, skin cancers and melanoma. Based in Melbourne, the institute conducts scientific and clinical research, treats patients via multiple specialised clinics and delivers education programs Australia-wide to dermatologists, nurses, general practitioners and pharmacists.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported the Skin Health Institute with the development of their Advanced Therapies Education Portal (ATEP). The portal provides a 'one stop' location for prescribers, registrars and dermatology nurses to access the most current information on clinical management, prescribing information, documentation requirements, and support services for the use of biologics and non-biologic advanced therapeutic options.</p>	\$14,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	<p>Lung Foundation Australia (LFA) is the only charity and peak body of its kind in Australia that funds research and delivers support services that give hope to people living with lung disease or lung cancer.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported LFA with their consumer program that seeks to further understand the lived experience of people who are tested, diagnosed, or treated for lung cancer and enable their voice to be heard within the health ecosystem.</p>	\$6,240.00
Queensland University of Technology	<p>Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is one of Australia's leading universities with more than 50,000 students.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported QUT with the Bridge Program, a collaborative program focused on improving the skills and capabilities of mid-career life scientists and entrepreneurs in the Australian biotech sector. The program selects 100 participants annually from across Australia to take part in face-to-face and online training in the various disciplines that contribute to the commercialisation of new medicines.</p>	\$20,000.00
Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	<p>Rare Cancers Australia (RCA) is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2012. RCA's purpose is to improve the lives and health outcomes of Australians living with rare and less common cancers by further enhancing the quality and accessibility of support offered to patients and their loved ones and increasing national awareness of the disparities in access to support and treatment.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CanForum 2022 - A national forum that examined the key issues confronting the Australian cancer community.• Thought Leader Series - Candid and insightful conversations with inspirational leaders in the Australian rare cancer community.	\$35,000.00
Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance	<p>The Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance (APAA) brings together peak health advocacy organisations representing more than 12 million people living with chronic and complex health conditions, with the purpose of providing a coordinated and cohesive approach to government.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported APAA with key projects including a member workshop, development of tools and resources to support ongoing advocacy activity, and a two-day summit attended by stakeholders including government representatives.</p>	\$15,000.00
Global Healthy Living Foundation Australia	<p>The Global Healthy Living Foundation (GHLF) Australia is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with chronic illness. They are the parent organisation of CreakyJoints Australia, the online patient community for autoimmune and inflammatory arthritis patients and their families across Australia.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported GHLF Australia with development and roll-out of an Australian psoriasis patient and carer resource program that seeks to offer patient-centred educational and empowerment resources for people living with psoriasis and their families.</p>	\$50,000.00
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	<p>The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) is the national leadership body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in Australia. NACCHO provides advice and guidance to the Australian Government on policy and budget matters while advocating for community-developed health solutions that contribute to the quality of life and improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported NACCHO with the development of a cardiovascular disease education module and resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners / workers, and the implementation of a community-level program to improve health outcomes.</p>	\$40,000.00
Healthy Bones Australia	<p>Healthy Bones Australia (HBA), formerly Osteoporosis Australia, is a national non-for-profit organisation and the leading consumer body working to improve bone health across Australia. HBA is focused on increasing community and healthcare professional awareness of the disease and advocating to reduce the impact of osteoporosis nationally.</p> <p>This sponsorship directly covered third-party printing costs associated with a pilot, direct mail project that provided consumers over the age of 70 with information designed to raise awareness of osteoporosis and encouraged them to speak with their doctor about bone health.</p>	\$50,874.22
Her Heart Ltd	<p>Her Heart is Australia's only not-for-profit focused on the prevention of women's heart disease. It speaks to women, about women, and for women, to address the unmet need for education and empowerment in cholesterol management, highlighting the serious and often devastating consequences of the disease.</p> <p>This sponsorship supports Her Heart's awareness and education program, funding the development of a targeted, evidence-based campaign to establish Her Heart as a leading voice for Australian women in cholesterol management. The program will expand the reach of existing and new subscribers, particularly those who have experienced a cardiac event, by emphasising the health risks associated with elevated cholesterol.</p>	\$100,000.00
The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners	<p>The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is Australia's largest professional general practice organisation.</p> <p>This sponsorship will support education initiatives that emphasise the critical need for greater action, particularly by GPs, who play a pivotal role in identifying high-risk patients and optimizing lipid management to prevent recurrent cardiovascular events. Each year, over 250,000 Australians are hospitalized due to cardiovascular disease, with many remaining at significant risk of future fatal events despite medical advancements. Through this partnership, RACGP will amplify engagement among its 41,000 GP members. Amgen will take the lead in developing content and selecting expert speakers, while RACGP will contribute a GP facilitator for webinars, manage event logistics, host and record sessions on a suitable platform, and oversee marketing, promotions, and post-event reporting.</p>	\$27,000.00
Australian Fragility Fracture Foundation Ltd	<p>The Australian Fragility Fracture Foundation (AFFF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving care and outcomes for individuals with fragility fractures in Australia through data-driven clinical excellence.</p> <p>This sponsorship supported the rollout and ongoing development of the Australian component of the Australian and New Zealand Fragility Fracture Registry (ANZFRR), enabling better-informed clinical practices to enhance patient outcomes.</p>	\$50,000.00