

Summary of Health Consumer Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

For the period: January to December 2017

Company: MSD

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
National Association of People with HIV, Australia (NAPWHA)	This funding supported the 'Treataware' program, an initiative delivered by the National Association of People living With HIV in Australia (NAPWHA). The Treataware program raises awareness and provides education regarding treatment for individuals who have been diagnosed HIV positive. A Meeting was held for all Treatment Officers from HIV organisations across Australia to cover issues including quality of life, HIV self-testing, HIV disclosure, peer service delivery and the 8th National HIV Strategy.	5,000.00
John Logan Foundation	This funding supported enhancement of the Foundation website to assist patients accessing JLF information and assist JLF volunteers in managing requests and information.	4,000.00
Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	This funding supported a range of projects to build awareness and equitable access for those people impacted by a rare cancer. Initiatives included public forums to review issues pertinent to Australians receiving best quality cancer care as well as reports that examined the functioning of key pillars of the health system. Funding also supported elements of the 'Sick or Treat' Campaign to build community awareness around the needs and challenges facing Australians with a rare or less common cancer.	65,000.00

Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation's National Lung Cancer Program which aims to reduce the impact of lung cancer and improve outcomes for patients, their carers and families. The Program provides information and educational programs relating to the prevention, detection, treatment and management of lung cancer and Mesothelioma across Australia.	40,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation Australia Annual Gala dinner. Funds raised support the provision of essential services and resources for patients, families, health professionals and everyone affected by lung disease.	3,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation Australia's Parliamentary Friends of Lung Health Event in Canberra. The event was linked to Lung Health Awareness Month aimed at increasing awareness and support for those impacted by lung cancer. MP John Alexander OAM as Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friends group, hosted the event.	5,000.00
National Association of People with HIV, Australia (NAPWHA)	This funding supported the National Association of People with HIV, Australia (NAPWHA) Patient Education Resource. The printed resource aimed at assisting patients in understanding their treatment program, is distributed to clinicians to provide to their HIV patients.	3,000.00
National Heart Foundation QLD	This funding supported the National Heart Foundation QLD towards 2017 Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand and Heart Foundation Cardiology Symposium on 28 October 2017 in Brisbane.	1,818.18
Lymphoma Australia	As part of Lymphoma Awareness day, MSD held an awareness raising event at Macquarie Park to assist staff understand the impact Lymphoma has on individuals and their families. Staff were encouraged to make a donation with MSD matching the donations.	110.00

Melanoma Western Australia	This funding supported a community forum for people touched with Melanoma in Western Australia. The forum aims to increase community awareness of Melanoma with leading experts in melanoma as part of the forum speaker program. In addition, the forum highlights the support and information services provided by Melanoma WA.	5,454.45
Lymphoma Australia	This funding supported enhancements to the Lymphoma Australia website to improve accessibility of the site for patients and carers as well as to update information provided on the site.	10,000.00
Beyond Five Limited	This funding supported Beyond Five to develop a patient information and support pack. The pack was developed in response to the identification of a need within the community for reliable, comprehensive, yet easy to understand information for patients, their families and caregivers.	15,000.00
Melanoma Patients Australia	This funding supported Melanoma Patients Australia in providing a range of programs including counselling services and comprehensive patient information and support services for those impacted by melanoma and their carers. The funding also supported a training program for state based MPA volunteers.	40,000.00
Rare Cancers Australia Ltd	The Mount Kosciuszko Challenge is an annual event hosted by Rare Cancers Australia to raise awareness and much needed funds for Australians diagnosed with rare and less common cancers. The event involves a climb from Thredbo to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko . All funds raised go toward RCA programs for Australians diagnosed each year with a rare and less common cancer. This funding was contributed as 'matched' funding related to funds that were raised by staff.	1,000.00