

2024 VCCC Alliance cost model for consumer sitting fees and hourly rate remuneration

Level of engagement	Remuneration type	Mechanisms of engagement	Committee Chair*	Committee Member	Participation
Consumer-led	Sitting fee [‡]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer engagement in VCCC governance, strategy, policy and evaluation. Advocacy, leadership, evaluation and continuous improvement of consumer engagement practice. Provision of strategic advice on consumer engagement and consumer-led education and research priorities/initiatives to VCCC leadership team. Drive a program of consumer-led consultation processes to build relationships and the knowledge base of VCCC. 	\$284 (≥ 4h) ¹ \$142 (< 4h)	\$244 (≥ 4h) ¹ \$122 (< 4h)	
Partnership	Sitting fee [‡]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent the consumer perspective on Steering Committees, Working Groups and interview panels. Program and project involvement – liaison, advisor, team member, project governance. 	\$244 (≥ 4h) ² \$122 (< 4h)	\$210 (≥ 4h) ² \$105 (< 4h)	
Involving	Hourly rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking engagements/panel member at VCCC events. Reviewer roles in research, education, training and communications. 			\$55/h
Consulting	Hourly rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in consultation activities such as focus groups, consultative workshops and interviews⁺. Storytelling to support communications, program development or delivery: interviews, writing, video-based. 			\$45/h
Informing	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumers who receive VCCC communications and may participate as an audience member in VCCC symposia and other events. 			\$0

¹ Amounts determined by Safer Care Victoria *A guide to consumer remuneration* citing Department of Premier and Cabinet Appointments and Remuneration Guidelines (2023). Schedule C: Classification criteria and remuneration schedule - Group C organisations (Section 3a) relates to advisory bodies to departments. The upper limit has been used for sitting fees to acknowledge the additional time required in pre- and post-meeting reading, preparation, and follow-up actions. The committee member rate is 86% of the Chair rate.

² Amounts apportioned for comparative complexity of consumer contribution to align with VCCC model of consumer engagement. The Chair rate is the same as the member rate for *Consumer-led* activities, and the member rate is 86% of the Chair rate.

*There is no separate sitting fee for a Deputy Chair. If a Deputy Chair is appointed, payment will be at the member's rate. If the Deputy Chair assumes the role of the Chair the Chair's fee will be payable for the period the Deputy Chair acts as Chair.

[‡]Sitting fees have been segmented into 4 hour blocks, with maximum payment capped at the full day rate.

⁺No hourly rate remuneration for participation in surveys.