

David Young

Cancer & Medical Consumer Advocate and Educator

David has been working as a Cancer Advocate since 2013 after being diagnosed with WM, a rare form of incurable Lymphoma in 2012. He was also recently diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2024. He works with the Cancer Council, NSW Cancer Institute, The Leukaemia Foundation, Lymphoma Australia, Cancer Australia, Health Consumers NSW, Cancer Voices NSW and other regional, state and national cancer organisations. He also works in the wider sphere of medical consumer advocate.

As a cancer consumer advocate his advice has extended to policy development, training programs, web functionality and content, patient guidelines, research projects, clinical trial design and access, survey design and content, ethical guidelines, consumer engagement guidelines, AI guidelines, health literacy content and the like.

David was Head of WMozzies (the Australian patient support organization for WM in Australia) from 2020-2026, and in this capacity worked as a consumer advocate on the national Optimal Care Pathway for WM. He still sits on the executive committee and co-moderates a national online support group for WM patients with the Leukaemia Foundation.

David sits on The NSW Cancer Institute's Consumers Advisory Panel, The LF Lived Experience Group, The HCNSW Consumer Leaders Taskforce, The NSW Cancer Voices executive committee, The NSW Health Literacy Hub Advisory Group, the Consumer Health Forum of Australia's Members Policy Network, the Australian Research Centre for Cancer Survivorship's Lived Experience Advisory Group, the CC Australia's Lived Experience & Priority Populations Advisory Group and others.

In 2021 David was officially recognised by the NSW Parliament Legislative Assembly for his work as a passionate Cancer Advocate and Educator

David has also instigated the setup of 3 cancer support groups in the Northern Rivers of NSW with the support of The Cancer Council. He has co facilitated and managed the Byron Bay group for 10 years and he co facilitated the Ballina group for 4 years. He now sits on his regional cancer advocacy committee and has worked with the regional PHN and NNSWLHD as a consumer advisor.

David was self employed as a successful advertising photographer for most of his working life and lives with his wife in Byron Bay, Australia. In the past David has been on a journey of self-growth in encounter groups, men's groups, psychoanalysis and the like, over many years.