

MatesCONNECT Volunteer Opportunity **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia**

Who we are:

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is the peak national body for prostate cancer in Australia. We are dedicated to reducing the burden of prostate cancer for all Australians, mobilising the community to drive research, prevention and early detection, improved treatment, and world-class psychosocial care.

Our focus:

1. To be Australia's leading charity fund for Australian-based prostate cancer research.
2. To protect the health of existing and future generations of men in Australia.
3. To improve quality of life for Australian men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their families.

The MatesCONNECT Service:

MatesCONNECT is a phone-based peer support service delivered to people affected by prostate cancer in Australia. The service is accessible nation-wide, with a particular focus on supporting men's health in the South East Queensland region, growing PCFA's peer-support outreach into regional communities, and building stronger supportive care networks to ensure men and families affected by the disease receive the support they need.

The MatesCONNECT peer support service offers people affected by prostate cancer the chance to speak to trained volunteers who have been in a similar situation. Every MatesCONNECT volunteer has a personal experience of prostate cancer. They use this experience to provide empathy and support over the telephone.

The opportunity:

We are looking for MatesCONNECT volunteers to deliver telephone-based peer support to men affected by prostate cancer on the Gold Coast, Australia.

About you:

- You have a lived experience of prostate cancer
- At least two years has passed since your diagnosis
- You are comfortable sharing your experiences with others, and comfortable hearing about other's experiences with the disease
- You are passionate about supporting others affected by prostate cancer
- You are able to make a 1-year commitment to the role

Responsibilities include:

- Deliver brief (maximum 4 calls per service user) one-on-one peer support over the phone to men affected by prostate cancer
- Offer information and support on prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment, side effects, and survivorship.
- Empower men to feel more in control of their disease and treatment journey
- Acknowledge the limits of the peer support role and refer accordingly
- Have knowledge of other support services including the Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurses and refer accordingly
- Adhere to PCFA, evidenced based messaging
- Engage in training for the role and adhere to guidelines, processes and protocols
- Participate in the evaluation of the service
- Communicate with PCFA staff

What's on offer:

- A rewarding volunteer opportunity
- Comprehensive training
- Join a passionate volunteer community

To apply, please complete the attached application form and email it to MatesCONNECT@pcfau.org.au by **Wednesday 10th March 2021**.