



## MUSOS FOR MEDICARE

Musos for Medicare is a network of artists who are interested and concerned about what is happening with public health services within Australia.

As artists musicians tend to be contractors rather than employees and work in a low paid casualised environment. As such, they understand the difficulties in accessing and paying for health care. A part from this musicians also lead lives often requiring them to work at unusual hours in unusual places, sometimes for unusual audiences.

The Victorian Medicare Action Group in conjunction with the Musicians Union and a number of musicians, have formed a network of interested musicians who are interested in furthering the debate about the need for better public health services within our community and in particular the impact on musicians and the broader community of declining rates of bulk billed GPs services.

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### aim to do the following:

- Increase awareness of the declining access to health care services for marginalised groups within the community including musicians
- Promote support for the retention of tax payer funded health care services for musicians and the broader community.
- Provide information to other musicians about the need for them to become involved in the current debate about the future of health services in Australia.
- To promote this issue where appropriate with audiences and venue owners and other artists as appropriate.
- To take opportunities to speak with the media about the commitment of artists to this issue.



**How can musicians and other artists show support for this program?**

- Musicians, artists or their supporters can join an email list by contacting Maureen Murray on [mmurray@iechs.org.au](mailto:mmurray@iechs.org.au). This will ensure that you are kept informed of developments of the Musos For Medicare Group and the Victorian Medicare Action Group.
- Musicians can offer to be involved in promotional activity, being organised by the Musos For Medicare Group.
- Musicians can talk to other musicians and encourage them to be involved.
- Musicians can offer to talk to the media.
- Musicians can assist the Victorian Medicare Action Group in requesting people to tell their stories about the problems they are having accessing health care services.

**TO BECOME A MEMBER  
FOR THE MUSOS FOR MEDICARE GROUP**

Name:.....  
Postal Address.....  
Phone:.....  
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or Email your details to [mmurray@iechs.org.au](mailto:mmurray@iechs.org.au)



## KEY CONTACT POINTS FOR

### MUSOS FOR MEDICARE GROUP

The committee for Musos for Medicare Group consists of:

Joe Chindamo  
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Further ideas around development of health care services within our communities.