

# CISVic Network Meetings

**CISVic facilitates a range of networking opportunities to support and strengthen the impact of our members and sector.**

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These opportunities include broad membership networks, regionally based groups and several role-specific communities of practice.

All networks help to inform CISVic's advocacy and sector development work.

## **Broad membership networks:**

### **CISVic Member Meetings**

Meetings are an essential communication path between CISVic and our members. Members meetings are an opportunity for managers and coordinators to come together to:

- share and discuss issues that impact service delivery and organisational management,
- hear about new initiatives and best practice from across the state and
- hear from and engage with guest speakers and CISVic staff.

### **Advocacy Working Group**

The Advocacy Working Group addresses issues affecting community members seeking help and creating social change. These meetings involve information sharing to identify policy priorities, building campaigns for social change, and empowering member agencies to manage and leverage their relationships with all levels of government. Meetings are held quarterly, or more frequently as required. For more information, contact [kellie@cisvic.org.au](mailto:kellie@cisvic.org.au)

### **CISVic Roundtables**

CISVic Roundtables are a forum for discussing and sharing experiences, knowledge and ideas about particular topics. Previous Roundtables include topics such as:

- Supporting education costs
- Provision of Christmas hampers
- Student placements
- Delivery of emergency relief

## **Regionally based groups:**

### **Regional Networks**

As generalist community-based agencies, CISVic members with shared geographical regions may also share common service models and challenges. So, the opportunity to come together to exchange information, resources and practices encourages peer support and strengthens the support they provide their communities.

Additionally, these networks play a more nuanced communication path between CISVic and our members.



## Role-specific communities of practice

### Caseworkers Network

Our sector's caseworkers meet quarterly to continue to provide professional peer support, contributing to best practice in supporting clients with complex needs.

Caseworkers contribute to CISVic policy development and assist in our advocacy work by providing feedback and case studies and identifying new and emerging trends impacting the vulnerable people they support.

### Volunteer Coordinators Network

This network provides space for Volunteer Coordinators from across the membership to come together to:

- share and discuss issues relating to volunteering,
- share resources and volunteer support ideas, and
- inform the development and implementation of volunteer training.

### Energy Hardship Network

This network brings together volunteers and other staff specialising in providing energy hardship support. These workers are provided with an opportunity to:

- share and discuss issues relating to energy hardship,
- share resources and client advocacy or support tips,
- hear from guest speakers, and
- inform CISVic's advocacy work in the energy hardship space.

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For more about any of these networks, email [admin@cisvic.org.au](mailto:admin@cisvic.org.au).

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