



# Karen Livingstone

Driven by personal experience, Karen established Australia's largest consumer advocacy group in Australia. Karen shows how all the pieces of a jigsaw can come together to deliver a representative organisation which reflects the needs and requirements of its members while ensuring that evolution remains front and centre.

## **Key Audiences**

- Health
- Consumer
- Not for Profit
- Community
- Philanthropic/Fortune 500

## **Presentation Opportunities**

- Keynotes
- Panel

## **Boards**

**Executive Board Member ANZGOG**  
(Australian New Zealand  
Gynaecological Oncology Group)  
2007 – Present

**Director – Ovarian Cancer Australia**  
2001 – Present

**Chair – Consumer Community  
Committee – ANZGOG**  
2007 - Present

**National Breast and Ovarian Cancer  
Centre**  
Community representation

**Cancer Australia's – National Centre  
for Gynaecological Cancer**  
Community representation

**Based**  
Melbourne, Australia

**Availability**  
Worldwide

**Available for media interviews**

**Karen Livingstone** is a starter. And when you start from the beginning, you need to have a broad range of skills which provide momentum and growth to the project at hand.

After a personal experience within her family, she recognised that women diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer, the sixth cause of cancer death in women in Australia, had virtually no reliable information source or consumer support network to assist them.

From this need was born Ovarian Cancer Australia – established in 2001 – this not-for-profit organisation – provided support and a consumer advocate for women with this silent disease.

As the head of this organisation, Karen secured funding opportunities, built relationships between the medical fraternity and community, developed and implemented awareness campaigns and materials, as well as overseeing national volunteer programs and lobbying at a state and federal level.

Hers is a story of how great passion can bring about change, the establishment of networks and the sharing of information globally, to provide real resources and support for people in need.

Karen is a heart-felt communicator and had the capacity to listen to her audience. She shares her vision and her 'hands on knowledge' to inspire and motivate people and groups to strive throughout adversity and red tape.

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#### **Career Highlights**

- Meeting with the Hon. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Parliament House February 2009
- Launching national awareness month February 2009 in conjunction with the Health Minister, The Hon. Nicola Roxon
- Creating and implementing a national awareness month campaign for Ovarian Cancer in February annually.
- Appearing before Community Services Senate enquiry in to Gynaecological Cancers
- Being nominated for Telstra Business Woman of the Year (Community Services) 2006, 2007
- Being approached to join the ANZGOG Executive board as the first consumer representative
- Founded an international collaboration of ovarian cancer interest groups in 2008
- Being the Media spokesperson for Ovarian Cancer Australia 2005-2009
- Creating, securing funds and delivering 'Resilience', a national free resource for all Australian women diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Creating and implementing a inclusive national support group strategy for women with ovarian cancer
- Producing a Support DVD for Australian women diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Producing an Awareness DVD for all Australian women
- Producing a Symptom diary for all Australia women as an opening dialogue with General Practitioners

#### **Volunteer History**

##### **Co-Founder of Ovarian Cancer Australia 2001**

Incorporated in 2001, one of 5 founders to establish and build the organisation. Promoting awareness of the disease in Australia and ensuring stakeholder consumers are represented at every opportunity, whilst building support networks for women and their families affected by ovarian cancer is the charter of the organisation.

##### **Director, Ovarian Cancer Australia 2001 – Present,**

Collectively as a board ensuring that the organisation is solvent, maintaining integrity within the community and the medical fraternity and ensuring that the organisation's charter is achieved.

##### **Executive Board member ANZGOG (Australian New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group) 2007 –Present,**

First consumer to be approached to join the executive team of this international medical research organisation. Participation ensures that consumer standpoint and ethical standards are sought and observed.

##### **Chair Consumer Community Committee – ANZGOG 2007-Present**

Responsibilities centre on coordinating consumer input in ANZGOG clinical trial processes. Facilitating engagement between consumers and clinicians. Implementing consumer review of all new clinical trials protocols before being adopted.

##### **Community representation on the following bodies;**

- National Breast & Ovarian Cancer Centre
- Cancer Australia's - National Centre for Gynaecological Cancer

##### **Additional Qualifications:**

Train The Trainer 1 & 2  
Rogen – Presentation Skills Program

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