



Membership Fact Sheet

IAHA's purpose is to strive for Indigenous Australians to have access to professionally and culturally responsive allied health services and Indigenous allied health professionals that are recognised and part of a holistic approach to Indigenous Health.

- By becoming a member of IAHA, you can contribute to this work, and help to raise awareness about the contribution and the value that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health professionals can make to closing the gap in the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- A person will become a member of IAHA if they apply through the IAHA membership approval process. This can be done online at the IAHA website or by completion of the Membership Form which can be posted, faxed or emailed.
- The application will be forwarded to the IAHA Board of Directors for consideration at its next meeting. If endorsed, you will be informed in writing by the IAHA Secretariat on behalf of the Board, confirming your endorsement as a member (Article 8). Your name will also be entered onto the IAHA Membership Register, in accordance with our Constitution (Article 9a)
- Should an application be rejected, you will be contacted and informed in writing on behalf of the IAHA Board.
- By becoming a member of IAHA, members will be subject to, and must abide by the IAHA Constitution. You are encouraged to familiarise yourself with the IAHA Constitution.
- Membership benefit entitlements are only available to IAHA members who have been endorsed by the Board of Directors
- Membership Fees: Although the IAHA Constitution allows for a membership fee to be set (Article 17 of the Constitution) currently, there are no membership fees.

Some of the benefits of becoming a member of IAHA include the following:

IAHA Full Membership Benefits

Actively participate in decision making by:

- attending, voting and speaking at the AGM
- being eligible to nominate for election as a Director on the IAHA Board
- putting forward resolutions to be voted on at a general meeting of the Company in accordance with Article 23c of the IAHA Constitution

Have access to:

- the members-only section of website
- the IAHA newsletter and regular communiqués
- heavily discounted registration for IAHA conference and other IAHA events
- opportunities to apply for financial assistance /scholarships to attend the IAHA annual Conference and AGM

- opportunities to input into IAHA representation at local/State/Territory and Commonwealth levels on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, education and workforce issues
- mentoring, networking and career development opportunities
- resources and support from the IAHA Board, Secretariat and membership
- a membership promotional pack
- up to date information on Indigenous Australian health and wellbeing
- student specific opportunities
- participation in community events or career expos to assist in prompting allied health careers
- nomination and eligibility for IAHA national recognition awards each year

IAHA Associate Membership Benefits

Associate Member – Individual/Corporate

Participate in decision making by:

- attending and speaking at the AGM

Have access to:

- the members only section of the website (individuals)
- the IAHA newsletter and regular communiqués
- associate membership promotional pack
- up to date information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing issues and initiatives
- opportunities to apply for financial assistance /scholarships to attend the IAHA annual Conference and AGM (individuals)
- reduced registration for IAHA conferences and events (one per corporate member)
- mentoring and networking opportunities
- nomination and eligibility for IAHA national recognition awards each year
- Partnership opportunities (corporate)