

MEMBERSHIP

Health care professionals working in the area of rheumatic diseases can join the **RHPA** in one of two categories.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership is open to health professionals of one or more of the following specialities and /or disciplines who have an interest in rheumatology practice, education and/or research, eg:

Psychologists	Prosthetists
Social Workers	Dietician
Physiotherapists	Podiatrists
Health Educators	Nurses
Medical Librarians	Chiropractors
Health Researchers	Sociologists
Occupational Therapists	Orthotists
Medical Practitioners	Counsellors
Laboratory Technicians	Pharmacists
Health Promotion Officers	Biostatistitians

This category may include international health professionals

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership is open to students at a tertiary level of one or more of the above specialities and/or disciplines. and those who are employed in the field of rheumatology without formal qualifications.



NAME:

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



**RHEUMATOLOGY
HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS
ASSOCIATION**

*Promoting evidence based practice
through education and research*

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BENEFITS OF RHPA MEMBERSHIP

THE ASSOCIATION

The Australian Rheumatology Health Professionals Association (RHPA) was formed in 1983 to provide a representative body for health professionals interested in working with people with rheumatic diseases.

A three member executive committee is voted into office bi-annually and is supported by state and territory representatives. These representatives are responsible for:

- Fostering an interest in rheumatology amongst health professionals within their state/territory
- Promoting the RHPA and membership recruitment
- Facilitating educational opportunities within each state/territory

AFFILIATION WITH THE ARA

The RHPA is affiliated with the Australian Rheumatology Association (ARA). The ARA at www.rheumatology.org.au is linked to the RHPA website. The ARA provide support through the ARA/RHPA Annual Scientific meeting and through the distribution of the newsletter.

THE NEWSLETTER

The ARA newsletter, which includes RHPA news is distributed to our members four times a year. This includes RHPA news from the executive, state/territory representatives and members.

EDUCATION

The RHPA provides a valuable source of education for health care professionals who work with people who have rheumatic diseases. Seminars and workshops are held at a state level. These are coordinated by RHPA state and territory representatives and in association with the Arthritis Foundations in each state.

The National ARA/RHPA Annual Scientific Meeting, which is held in May each year is significantly discounted for RHPA members. It provides scientific and clinical sessions that are of an international standard.

THE WEBSITE

The website www.ausrhpa.com provides up-to-date information on the organisation and current events.

RHPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please tick the appropriate boxes

Membership Type:

Full member \$80.00

Associate member (non health prof) \$80.00

Student member \$40.00

Preferred title: Mr Mrs Ms Dr Prof

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Country: _____

Preferred

Telephone No: _____

Fax No: _____

Email : _____

Work Home Both

Discipline: _____

Do you give consent to have your name and work details in the membership directory? Yes No

Details for members' directory

Work Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

email: _____

Payment should be made by cheque in Australian dollars and mailed to the RHPA Treasurer, P.O. Box 2120 Windsor QLD 4030 Australia

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received date: _____ Fees entered: _____

New membership no: _____