

FURTHER INFORMATION ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE WESLEY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (WRI):

Below are a few questions and answers to provide further information relating to becoming a Member of WRI. If you would like to know more, please contact the Institute's Secretary Vincent McFarlane on 07 3232 7264.

Why is the WRI currently looking for Members?

At its last AGM, WRI approved a new constitution that, along with other changes, allowed for the inclusion of Members who are not Directors of the Institute. Under the old constitution only Directors were Members.

By providing for Membership of WRI, the new constitution encourages the engagement of a wide range of people with a common interest in supporting medical research.

What does becoming a Member mean?

As a Member you will be encouraged to stay informed of the Institute's activities. You will be invited to certain events and have the opportunity to attend the Institute's AGM and elect the Directors onto the Board or become a Director yourself.

Is there any risk in becoming a Member?

The liability of Members is limited. In the unlikely event of the Institute being wound up the contribution to any outstanding liabilities is capped at \$50 maximum.

We recommend that you read the WRI's constitution. If you have not received a copy of it one is available for download on our website, www.wesleyresearch.org.au, or it can be mailed out to you.

Please phone 07 3232 7264 if you wish to receive one in the post.

Is there any fee involved in becoming a member?

The Directors have the ability to levy an entrance fee and an annual fee. Currently there is no entrance fee, just an annual fee of \$100 which is due upon application for Membership. Life Members do not pay any fees.

Fees levied by the WRI are tax deductible.

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How many categories of membership are there?

The Institute has 3 categories of Membership. Members must be “natural persons”, that is, individual people.

The three categories are:

Practitioner Members – registered medical practitioners or allied health professionals who are also licensed to practice at one or more UnitingCare Hospitals in Australia;

Special Members – others invited by the Board of WRI to join and who do not satisfy the requirements of Practitioner Membership; and,

Life Members – people who have made significant contributions to WRI, financially or otherwise, and therefore may be invited by the Board.

WRI also has a Founding Member, the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q), which is the corporate arm Of the Uniting Church Synod in Queensland. The Founding Member has certain reserve powers relating mainly to the naming of the Institute and its objects.

Can I recruit other Members to WRI?

We welcome your recommendations of like minded, research oriented people for Membership. All Members, bar the Founding Member, require approval by the WRI Board of Directors.

We urge you to consider becoming a Member of WRI. An application form can obtained via our website (www.wesleyresearch.org.au) or by phoning 07 3232 7264.