

## 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 who hold a degree, are eligible for membership within their own professional discipline and who have an interest in rheumatology practice, education and research e.g.

Psychologists	Prosthetists
Social Workers	Dieticians
Physiotherapists	Podiatrists
Health Educators	Nurses
Medical Librarians	
Health Researchers	Sociologists
Occupational Therapists	Orthotists
Medical Practitioners	Councillors
Laboratory Technicians	Pharmacists
Health Promotion Officers	Biostaticians

This category may include international health professionals

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP


Students from the above disciplines and those who are employed in the field of rheumatology without formal qualifications are eligible for associate membership.



**YOUR RHPA STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
IS**

NAME:  
ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:  
FAX:  
EMAIL:



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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

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### 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 Australian Rheumatology Association (ARA) is affiliated with the RHPA. The ARA at [www.rheumatology.org.au](http://www.rheumatology.org.au) is linked to the RHPA website and distribute an ARA newsletter to our members four times a year that includes RHPA news from state/territory representatives. Finally, they provide support through the ARA/RHPA Annual Scientific Meeting.

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### EDUCATION

The RHPA provides a valuable source of education for health care professionals who work with people that have rheumatic diseases.

This is co-ordinated within each state through seminars and workshops. The RHPA annual conference is held in conjunction with the ARA annual scientific meeting and is discounted for RHPA members. It provides a variety of educational sessions to help members remain current in their practice.

### THE WEBSITE

The website [www.ausrhpa.com](http://www.ausrhpa.com) provides up-to-date information on:

- The organisation
- Meetings and conferences
- Events and courses
- Literature and recent research
- New and helpful products

The website also provides a chat room for members only, to use for professional information exchange on issues of clinical care, research and for support. This is particularly useful for RHPA members in rural Australia.

## RHPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Please tick the appropriate boxes*

Membership Type:

- |                              |      |                          |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Full member                  | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Associate (Non Health Prof.) | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student                      | \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Preferred Title:

Mr , Mrs. , Ms , Dr , Prof.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred ....

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Internet Access:

Work , Home , Both

Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you engaged in research?

Yes , No

Do you give consent to have your name and work details in the membership directory and on the RHPA web site?

Yes , No

***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: \_\_\_\_\_

Web password: \_\_\_\_\_