

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our Mission

To enhance and support General Practice

Our Vision

GP Links Wide Bay will navigate Primary Health Care forward.

Membership Categories

Ordinary

Ordinary Members are general practitioners who reside in, and work as clinical general practitioners in the Wide Bay area. Ordinary members must be proposed by an existing GP Links member

Associate

Associate Members are those persons who are not general practitioners. For example (but not limited to): medical practitioners not substantively employed in primary care, medical or surgical specialists, practice nurses, practice managers, practice staff, allied health professionals, pharmacists, health care administrators. This type of membership has entitlement to all benefits other than voting rights. Associate Members must be proposed by an existing GP Links member.

Access to Essential Networks

GP Links is a part of the National Divisions Network and has access to a diverse and broad range of other organisations. Importantly it has real linkages with local Community, Government and non Government Health Organisations. This includes Community Health, Queensland Health, local government and other Divisions. GP Links members may be approached to attend strategic meetings. Membership ensures you more easily maintain wider links with colleagues, and regular opportunities to develop professional networks.

Admission / Rejection of Individual Members

The Board of GP Links has the right to refuse membership to any individual whom they believe does not uphold the core values of GP Links or who, through notoriety in the media or other circumstances, has the potential to bring GP Links into disrepute.

Renewal Period

The membership period is for 2 years from 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2010.

Fees

Membership is currently free.

Member Benefits

Indicates the service or event the member category is eligible for

Member Benefit	Ordinary Member	Associate Member
Payment for representing GP Links	X	X
Candidature for Board	X	X
Eligibility to vote at Annual General Meeting	X	
Clinical Support		
Face to Face Practice Support	X	X
General Clinical Resources	X	X
Consumer Resources	X	X
APCC	X	X
Secure electronic provider messaging	X	X
Local resource list of providers	X	X
Diabetes Clinic	X	
Immunization Audit Tool	X	X
Mentoring Programs	X	X
Canning Tool	X	X
Penn Tool	X	X
Templates	X	X
EPC Templates	X	X
Funding to support CPD	X	X
Business Support		
Business Management Advice	X	X
Business Planning Advice	X	X
Data Extraction Tool & income estimator	X	X
Media Resources		
Quarterly Newsletter	X	X
Weekly News Fax	X	X
Email network	X	X
Annual Report	X	X
Access to Website	X	X
Networking Opportunities		
Free Practice Education Forums	X	X
Reduced or free entry to GP Links educational events	X	X
Free – locum or practice staff vacancies advertising on Website and in Newsletters	X	X

Privacy Statement

GP Links is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. Our policy adheres to the Privacy Amendment Act 2000 and the National Privacy Principles. Our privacy policy states we will:

- only collect personal information about you with your consent (unless legally required or authorised to do otherwise);
- collect your personal information directly from you (where possible and practicable);
- only collect personal information about you that is necessary and relevant to the purpose for which it is collected;
- use staff to collect your information who are appropriately trained and have a specific role in the purpose for which your personal information is being collected;
- only use your personal information for the purpose for which it is collected or for a directly related secondary purpose that you would expect your personal information to be used for (unless legally required or authorised to do otherwise);
- provide you with access to your personal information (unless legally required or authorised to do otherwise);
- only disclose your personal information to a third party with your consent, or where you expect such disclosure, or where GP Links is legally required or authorised to do so;
- take reasonable steps to keep your personal information complete, current and accurate;
- take reasonable steps to ensure personal information about you is kept secure.

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