



MEMBER PROSPECTUS

HISTORY OF THE ANZHPBA

The AHPBA was formed in 1998 as an association within the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA). The intention was to create a multi-disciplinary group to further the practice of HPB medicine and surgery. Successful activities of the AHPBA included organising some meetings, usually in association with the Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW), and facilitating an overseas fellowship (The Paul MacMaster Fellowship). The group also had some dialogue with government through participation in MSAC committees.

In April 2005, for a variety of reasons, the decision was made to reform the Association outside the GESA. The Australian New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic and Biliary Association Inc was registered in early 2006. The Secretariat is based in Adelaide.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

The goals of the ANZHPBA are to:

- further develop and promote the specialty practice of the discipline within Australasia
- organise further education activities
- promote multidisciplinary engagement
- organise fellowships and other post-fellowship training opportunities
- promote, and potentially coordinate, research (particularly clinical)
- interact with government and professional organisations
- construct and publish clinical guidelines

Any potential training activities of the Association are intended to be Post-RACS Fellowship.

STRUCTURE

The Board of the ANZHPBA currently comprises eleven members. Full ANZHPBA members elect representatives to the Board, which elects its own office bearers. Board members serve for terms of three years. The maximum length of service on the Board is nine years (three terms), while the President serves for one term. Members may stand for re-election after one term off the Board but cannot be re-elected to the Presidency.

The current Board is:

President	Nick O'Rourke
Ex President	Rob Padbury
Secretary	Chris Christophi
Treasurer	Val Usatoff
Board members	Michael Crawford (Public Officer)
	Guy Maddern
	John Windsor (New Zealand)
	Kusal Wickremesekera (New Zealand)
	Simon Banting
	Peter Evans
	Arthur Richardson

Other sub-committees within the ANZHPBA are established as the organisation needs; participation by ANZHPBA members in establishing these groups is invited and encouraged.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ANZHPBA is open to surgeons with an interest in diseases affecting the liver, pancreas and biliary system.

Benefits of membership - current

- Discount of Annual Scientific Meeting registration fees
- Subscription to a bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- Development of multi-site clinical projects
- Access to educational sessions
- Eligibility to attend the AGM, stand for election, and participate in Association activities
- Opportunity to network with peers
- Subscription to HPB journal
- Eligibility to apply for the ANZHPBA Post Fellowship Training Programme

Benefits of membership - future

- Eligibility to apply for research funds from the Association

Information privacy

The ANZHPBA complies with Australian National Privacy Principles and Legislation. All members are given the opportunity to update their personal information on the annual subscription form; however, members are encouraged to verify that their personal details are accurate and up-to-date when necessary.

Authorisation

The ANZHPBA lists contact details for current financial members on its *Find a Surgeon* section of the website. Members are requested to indicate if they **do** wish their details to appear by contacting the Executive Officer.

Membership categories

Full member

Medical practitioners with a significant interest in HPB surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office.

Associate member

Trainees or retired HPB surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of HPB practice. Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office.

Fees

Fees and subscriptions are set by the ANZHPBA Board. GST is payable on all fees.

Member annual subscription	\$AUD250 (inc. GST)
Associate member annual subscription	\$AUD125 (inc. GST)

(A discounted subscription is available to members who are also financial members of ANZGOSA; \$400 for full membership of both Associations.)

How to apply

Simply complete a Membership Application Form and submit it to the Secretariat. Applicants must be nominated by two current members of the ANZHPBA. Membership of the ANZHPBA can be cancelled at any time by submitting a request in writing to the Secretariat.