

Application for Individual Membership 2016/2017

Palliative Care Victoria's Constitution provides for the admission of individual members with a bona fide interest in the provision of hospice and palliative care. Individuals are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, including the annual election of Board members.

Palliative Care is defined by the World Health Organisation as follows:

Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual. Palliative care:

- provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms;
- affirms life and regards dying as a normal process;
- intends neither to hasten or postpone death;
- integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care;
- offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death;
- offers a support system to help the family cope during the patients illness and in their own bereavement;
- uses a team approach to address the needs of patients and their families, including bereavement counselling, if indicated;
- will enhance quality of life, and may also positively influence the course of illness;
- is applicable early in the course of illness, in conjunction with other therapies that are intended to prolong life, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and includes those investigations needed to better understand and manage distressing clinical complications. (*World Health Organisation*)

The benefits of individual membership include:

- A weekly *Newsflash*, which includes short up-to-date items on research, policy, conferences, employment opportunities, media coverage and relevant resources.
- Discounted rates to attend our biennial Conference.
- Participation in the Annual General Meeting and in the election of Board members of Palliative Care Victoria
- The opportunity to attend Special Interest Group meetings and other events, Forums.
- Access to a members' area of our website www.pallcarevic.asn.au on request.

Membership Commitment

I hereby commit to the philosophy of palliative care as outlined by the World Health Organisation and agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association for the time being in force.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please provide your contact details:

Title	First Name	Last Name
Postal Address		
Suburb		Postcode
Telephone	Mobile	Fax
Email Address		

Please outline your interest and any experience in palliative care:

Once your application has been approved by the Board of Palliative Care Victoria, we will send you a tax invoice. New members will receive *Newsflash* once payment has been received.

The individual membership fee for 2016/2017 is \$85.00 (including \$7.73 GST).

If you have any questions please call us on 03 9662 9644 or email info@pallcarevic.asn.au and we will be very happy to assist.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Palliative Care Victoria Inc.

Palliative Care Victoria

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