

Why you should join the HSRAANZ

What is the HSRAANZ

The HSRAANZ is a not for profit Association which provides a unique opportunity for communication between health services researchers and researchers and policymakers. The aims of the Association are to encourage and promote the development and conduct of health services research, in order to promote improved health services delivery and improved health; and in particular to:

- Promote the development of sustainable capacity in the field of health services research;
- Facilitate and promote communication and collegiality among researchers engaged in health services research;
- Facilitate and promote the regular exchange of views across researchers and policymakers, managers, clinicians and other interested parties;
- Promote the education and development of researchers and others working in health services research;
- Encourage the development of strategically important research;
- Promote excellence in health services research.
- Advocate for appropriate levels of funding for health services research in Australia and New Zealand.

However the Association is nothing without its members. To be strong and proactive we need as broad and stable a membership base as possible. The broader and more stable our membership base the more legitimate is our ability to speak with one voice for the health services research community and the better services we can deliver to our members.

This is a time of exceptional opportunity for the Association with the appointment of a dedicated secretariat, and an enthusiastic Executive Committee. Joining the Association now will make you part of this effort and your contribution will help build the future of health services research in Australia and New Zealand.

Corporate members

Why organisation should join the HSRAANZ?

Corporate membership recognises the importance of centres and groupings of health services researchers in building research infrastructure, providing training and professional development. Corporate members work through a forum of corporate members, which provides the means by which the perspectives and views of centres and other groups can be represented by the Association. As a Corporate member your organisation receives tangible benefits, contributes to development of the health services research sector, raises its profile and demonstrates that it is a leader in the field of health services research.

Core benefits for corporate members

- The right to nominate up to three (3) staff members to receive free individual membership of the Association.
- An unlimited number of staff members from the corporate member's organization will be able to attend the Association's biennial conference and other events organized by the Association at the member rate.
- Links between the Association's website and the websites of corporate member organizations.
- Assistance in organizing specific sessions around areas of interest to corporate members at the Association's biennial conference.
- Free regular job postings and research announcements.

Individual members

Why individuals should join the HSRAANZ?

Individual members are vital to the credibility of a professional association. Having a broad membership from all parts of the health services research community gives the Association legitimacy and strength and enables us to speak with 'one voice' for our community. We rely on our individual members' commitment, input, knowledge and expertise to achieve our goals.

The Association provides an opportunity for individual members to come together with like minded individuals, to share information and advice, to network with peers, mentors and policy makers, to receive the latest health service news, and get early access to the latest employment, research, and funding opportunities.

Core Benefits for Individual members

- Discounted subscription rates for the *Journal of Health Services Research & Policy* and *Australian Health Review*. Details of the Journals can be found at <http://www.rsmprss.co.uk/jhsrp.htm> and <http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/270.htm>.
- A members only Newsletter – to be issued quarterly
- Regular members only email updates including latest news and journal articles.
- Early notification of the HSRAANZ biennial conference and other Association events and member rates at all such events.
- Access to the HSRAANZ website – including access to member restricted pages and to jobs currently available, news items, journal links, newsletter archives, links to corporate organizations.
- Opportunities for researchers to exchange views with others researchers, including international leaders in the field.
- Opportunities to meet with policymakers, health service managers, clinicians, and others within the health services community.
- Opportunity to join the Association's Emerging Researchers Group in health services research (ERGO).
- Opportunities for mentoring and career advice.

Students

The goals of the Association include the development of sustainable capacity in the field of health services research and promotion of health services education and training. Students represent the future health services research and we therefore have a reduced student membership that attracts all of the services available to normal individual members.

Students and early career researchers also have access to ERGO – the Emerging Researchers Group in health services research. ERGO provides the opportunity for emerging researchers to develop a network for support, collaboration and awareness of new opportunities. The Association has also introduced the ERGO Best Presentation Award at its biennial conference.

Industry and Government

The Association provides a unique opportunity for industry and government leaders and policy makers to liaise and enter into dialogue with the health services researchers from throughout Australia and New Zealand. Industry and government organisations can join as corporate members and as well as the standard core benefits, like all corporate members there is the additional benefit that corporate membership demonstrates it is an altruistic organisation which supports the health services research community in which it operates. Industry and government employees may also take out individual membership of the Association.

To join the Association go to <http://www.hsraanz.org/Membership/JoinRenew.aspx>