



## Application For Membership / Renewal Of Membership

**Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia Incorporated** (Incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act 1984) ABN 79 802 629 789

Please note that Application for Membership/Renewal of Membership of the PGNA has been listed as an "Event" on the Eventbrite Website and payment is now only by credit card unless prior arrangement has been made with Treasurer or Membership Secretary – contact details on PGNA website.

To apply for Membership or to Renew Membership of the Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia (Inc.)(PGNA) please use this link to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and enter "pgna" in the search box.

Alternatively, you can use the direct link to the PGNA page on the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pgna-membership-2018-2019-tickets-48754701625>

IMPORTANT: Please print and retain your Eventbrite Event Payment Confirmation email for Taxation purposes.

The Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia (Inc.) asks for your patience and persistence as we transition to electronic membership and payments. We would like to hear of any issues this may create for Members and will work with Members to resolve these issues.

As Membership is now essentially the same as booking a seat for our Conferences which has been in place via the Eventbrite website for some time and working smoothly we hope that our latest change will follow the same footsteps.

Please report any issues to Victor Borg, Membership Secretary, via email: [Victor.borg@clubtelco.com](mailto:Victor.borg@clubtelco.com) or Mobile: 0439 755 081

## Membership of PGNA

**"Psychogeriatric** refers to the practice of health whose primary focus is the mental and cognitive wellbeing of the older person - the older person usually being of age 65 years or older." (PGNA Constitution & Rules 1.3.1)

**"A Psychogeriatric Nurse** is a registered or enrolled nurse whose practice - regardless of whether this is in the clinical, management, or academic setting - is focused on the older person with a mental illness and/or a cognitive impairment." (PGNA Constitution & Rules 1.3.2)

### PGNA Purpose is to:

- Encourage and provide an avenue for personal and professional communication between psychogeriatric nurses.
- Encourage the exchange and dissemination of knowledge, skills, and ideas in the field of psychogeriatric nursing.
- Provide opportunities for continuing education by means of written articles, lectures and seminars.
- Develop psychogeriatric nursing as a discipline.
- Foster the highest standards of psychogeriatric nursing care.
- Encourage clinical research in the field of psychogeriatrics.
- Promote interrelationships between other branches of the nursing profession.
- Promote links between other professional bodies at regional, state, national and international levels.
- Provide a united and authoritative voice for the profession of nursing on all matters pertaining to the clinical specialty of psychogeriatric nursing.

- Affiliate with other nursing, medical, and other professional groups.  
(PGNA Constitution & Rules 1.2 et sequitur)

### **PGNA activity includes:**

- Organising Conferences and Education Evenings.
- Offering scholarships to full voting members who have been financial for at least 12 months for the purpose of attending relevant conferences and/or completing relevant post-graduate courses and/or relevant research projects.
- Publishing a Newsletter for members.

### **PGNA Membership:**

**Class 1 - Full Voting Membership** - this is available to any person who is a registered or enrolled nurse primarily engaged in, or with an interest in, psychogeriatric nursing. (PGNA Constitution & Rules 2.1)

**Class 2 - Associate Non-Voting Membership** - this is available to any other health care worker or professional person who has an interest in psychogeriatric nursing. (PGNA Constitution & Rules 2.2)

**Class 3 - Life Membership** - the Executive Committee may from time to time confer life membership upon Class 1 members who have, by their efforts, consistently promoted the interests and progression of the Association. (PGNA Constitution & Rules 2.3)

### **Payment of PGNA Membership and Associate Membership Fees:**

**Full Voting Membership** - The current annual fee is \$50

**Associate Non-Voting Membership** - The current annual fee is \$30

**Life Membership** - no fee attached.

- The annual fee covers the calendar year from **1st July to 30th June** in the next calendar year.
- Payment of the annual fee is made only to the Membership Secretary of PGNA. For reasons of fiduciary accountability no cash payments will be received by the Membership Secretary of PGNA.
- Upon payment of the annual fee a numbered receipt will be issued by the Membership Secretary of PGNA and new members / associate members may also be issued with a hardcopy edition of PGNA Constitution & Rules
- One only reminder-of-renewal notice for each calendar year will be issued to members / associate members.
- Financial membership / associate membership ceases if not renewed one month after issue of renewal notice.