

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

This Membership Policy outlines the purpose and structure of the various membership categories offered by our organisation. It demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

Bandiana Neighbourhood House manages two community centres that serve distinct community groups:

- **Baranduda Community Centre**
- **Bandi House**, located within Gaza Ridge Military Barracks, Bandiana
Targeted grant funding is sought to support members of the Defence Community as they transition through different stages of military life. The long-standing support provided by Bandi House to military families is made possible through continued grant funding dedicated specifically to services delivered at Bandi House.

Please note that access to Bandi House is restricted. Entry is permitted to individuals holding a Defence-approved Base Pass or by prior appointment only.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Bandiana Neighbourhood House Inc:

- Complies with all relevant legislation
- Meets the requirements of our funding bodies
- Clearly defines membership eligibility and responsibilities

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

1. General Membership

General Membership Eligibility:

- Residents of Baranduda and surrounding areas
Note: *This membership does not include access to Defence-funded programs*

2. Veterans / Defence Personnel – *Defence Connections Membership* (Bandi House)

Bandi House has supported the wellbeing and cohesion of Defence families for over 30 years, as a Defence community group we apply for Federal Funding Grants to support the Defence Community.

Defence Connections Eligibility:

- Current or former Defence personnel (veterans), their partners and immediate family members - this membership provides access to programs specifically funded to support the Defence community.

COST OF MEMBERSHIP

All members are required to pay an annual subscription fee determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year.

DEFINITIONS

Membership includes	All individuals listed on Membership form: • Belonging to the same family unit • Reside at the same address • Are named on the membership form
Military families	mean a group or number of Defence families (as outlined below)
Family (when referring to Military/Defence families)	refers to the family of a Defence member that consists of the spouse or interdependent partner and children or anyone else that the Defence member identifies as their family.

VOTING RIGHTS

At Association General Meetings:

- Each membership is entitled to one vote
- Voting rights are governed by the Association's Rules

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Members must support the purposes of the association
- Members must adhere to all policies and procedures
- Failure to comply may result in action under the organisation's complaints process, including possible termination of membership

RELATED POLICIES

• Code of Conduct	• Complaints & Grievance
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AUTHORISATION

Signed by:

Marlene Robinson - President

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