



PGNA

The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association
Australia (Inc)

MENTAL HEALTH IN LATE LIFE

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

OF

THE PSYCHOGERIATRIC NURSES' ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act 1984)

SECTION A: to be completed by the applicant and posted to:

***The Membership Secretary
PGNA
P.O. Box 497
Merrylands NSW 2160***

I the undersigned, in completing this application form and enclosing the accompanying membership fee, do thereby agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia Incorporated for the time being in force.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ **POSITION:** _____

WORKPLACE: _____

HOME POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ **(W)** _____ **(F)** _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **Enclosed is my membership fee for:**

Full Membership (\$30)

Associate Membership (\$15)

(NB: Payment by CHEQUE or PO MONEY ORDER only)

SECTION B: to be completed by Membership Secretary

DATE RECEIVED: _____ **CHEQUE/ PO MONEY ORDER NO:** _____

BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY/POST OFFICE: _____ **DATED:** _____

PGNA RECEIPT NO: _____ **DATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT:** _____

MEMBERSHIP OF PGNA

"**Psychogeriatric** refers to that field 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:

- Meeting 3-monthly prior to the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age (FPOA) half-day in-services and attending those in-services.
- 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 \$30
- **Associate Non-Voting Membership** - The current annual fee is \$15
- **Life Membership** - no fee attaches.
- 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
- Fee payments are to be by cheque or Post Office money order form only and must accompany the completed Membership Application / Renewal of Membership Form (see the reverse of this page). 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 will 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.