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| MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET |
| **THE NEUROLOGICAL COUNCIL OF WA** |
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The Neurological Council of WA acts as an umbrella body to several neurological, condition-specific and associated organisations who share its vision of working together for coordinated and improved services for people with neurological conditions and awareness of neurological issues within the general community. This vision is detailed in the Objects of the NCWA’s constitution.

Since its inception in 1992, the Council has served as a focal point for the shared goals and relationships of member groups. The Council obtained a grant from Lotterywest to build the Centre for Neurological Support, a purpose-built, multi-functional centre, to progress the aspirations and interests of the neurological community. The Council has resided here since 2001 with several of its member groups. Over the years, the Council has also pursued a service arm which, as well as providing practical assistance to the neurological community, has added value and assistance to the services of its member groups. A Council of Members, composed of representatives of member organisations, provides an advisory role to the Neurological Council of WA on strategic and policy advice and opportunities for collaborative effort.

## **Objects**

**3 (**1) The objects of the Association are:

1. To promote and support the common objects of member organisations;
2. to alleviate sickness suffering and distress occasioned through neurological disease;
3. to provide support for all people suffering from neurological diseases and their families;
4. to support research and other work that is focused on developing and applying methods to prevent, control or cure such diseases;
5. to provide services to members of the neurological community and in support of members services.
6. Pursue the following umbrella body objectives:
7. to foster co-operation between member organisations so that each can benefit from the experience of others;
8. be representatives of and advocate for the activities of member organisations in relation to neurological diseases;
9. to assist any groups of persons wishing to establish organisations with objects similar to the common objects of the member organisations;
10. to represent the view of member organisations regionally or nationally in any dealings with the State or Commonwealth Governments or their instrumentalities;
11. to provide a central organisation able to facilitate any service, action or programme or to provide any facilities approved by the Council;
12. to undertake any special projects supportive of the common objects of member organisations;
13. to educate the community regarding neurological conditions, their treatment and the support and care needs of people with such conditions; and
14. to raise funds to enable the Council to pursue other objectives.
15. provide community neurological services in regional and metropolitan areas of Western Australia.
16. manage, for the benefit of its members and with a view to achieving its objectives, The Niche, being the premises at 11 Aberdare Road, Nedlands.
17. The Council must pursue charitable purposes only and must apply its income in promoting those purposes.

**Membership of the NCWA**

***Membership of the NCWA means your organisation can:***

* be part of a common vision network that facilitates the exchange of ideas and information between member groups;
* have input into the policy decisions of the NCWA through various mediums including the Council of Members, an advisory body to the NCWA Board of Directors;
* have its needs and concerns communicated by the NCWA to Government bodies and various networks that the NCWA is associated with, such as the Neurosciences and Senses Network;
* participate in member forums on issues of common concern and interest;
* receive invitations to a range of member events, including education, operational and social events;
* receive discounts for NCWA events;
* access discounted insurance opportunities;
* receive information and access the NCWA’s service arm,
* display your resource materials at the Centre for Neurological Support;
* have voting rights at the NCWA Annual General Meeting;
* nominate to the NCWA Board and Council of Members;
* apply for office accommodation at The Centre for Neurological support when it is available. (At the time of writing, office accommodation is not available or anticipated to be available in the distant future);
* have occasional meeting room and activity room access at The Centre for Neurological Support;
* have links to your site from the NCWA website;
* advertise your events (as approved) on the NCWA website;
* access a Members Only area on the NCWA membership website containing information of interest to the membership and any matters of interest you would like to share (as approved);
* participate in the bi-annual NCWA Expo;
* have access to mentoring opportunities (for small neurological support groups trying to establish themselves);
* have access to office equipment and resources (for small unfunded support groups);

**Membership is only as strong as our members. The Neurological Council of WA keeps its membership affordable whilst providing a commensurate range of appropriate and useful services. If you would like more information on the above, please contact the NCWA.**

**NCWA Members**

* Alzheimer’s Australia WA Ltd
* Australian Association of Cognitive and Behaviour Therapy
* Australian Neuromuscular Research Institute
* Continence Advisory Service of WA Inc
* Epilepsy Association of Western Australia
* Fibromyalgia Support Network WA
* Headache and Migraine Western Australian Inc
* Headwest
* Huntington’s WA
* James Crofts Hope Foundation
* Learning & Attentional Disorders of WA
* ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Society of WA Inc
* Motor Neurone Disease Association Of WA Inc
* Menieres Australia
* Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA Inc
* Muscular Dystrophy WA
* Myasthenia Gravis Friends and Support Group WA (Inc)
* National Stroke Foundation
* Neurodegenerative Disorders Research Pty Ltd
* Neurofibromatosis Association of WA Inc
* Parkinson's Western Australia Inc
* Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group Inc
* Communicate WA
* Spina Bifida Association of WA (Inc)
* Spinal Cure Australia
* State Head Injury Unit
* Therapy Focus Inc
* Trigeminal Neuralgia Support Group WA Inc
* WA Blue Sky Inc

**COUNCIL OF MEMBERS**

The Council of Members is composed of representatives of member groups of the Neurological Council of WA. The Council’s stated objectives are:

* To discuss matters of mutual interest to member associations;
* To provide advice and support for members;
* To advise the NCWA Board of on policy matters of mutual benefit to members and the neurological sector
* To advise the NCWA Board of Directors on strategic matters of mutual benefit to members and the neurological sector.

Representation on the Council of Members is available to all members of the Neurological Council of WA. The Council meets on a regular basis.

**APPLYING FOR NCWA MEMBERSHIP**

Item 5 of the NCWA constitution provides for the following types of membership for organisations who support the Objects of the Council and who represent or have an interest in people who suffer from a neurological condition.

**5**  (3) Membership categories:

1. Ordinary member, is an organisation which

(1) is a not-for-profit, non-government, community organisation representing people who suffer from a neurological disorder; and

(2) is supportive of the objects of the Council;

(3) is not in the employ of, or contracted by the Council,

**5.3.1** An Ordinary member shall be entitled to send a representative to attend any general meeting of the Council and that representative shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Council.

1. Associate member is

(1) a person of not less than 18 years of age;

(2) supportive of the objects of the Council;

1. not in the employ of, or contracted by the Council,

may apply for Associate Membership of the Council.

* + 1. An Associate Member will be entitled to attend any general meeting of the Council but shall not be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Council.
* **Expressions of interest for membership of the NCWA can be made via the Neurological Council of WA’s website at** [**www.ncwa.com.au**](http://www.ncwa.com.au)**.**
* **Application for membership to the NCWA is required in writing on the NCWA’s membership application form with your membership fee.**
* **Make membership fee: No current membership fee for all members.**
* **Your completed membership documentation will be presented to the NCWA’s Board of Directors at its next Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to reject an application without qualification.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Application for: Ordinary Membership Associate Membership**

**Full Name of Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Postal Address if different to the above: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Type of Organisation: Government 🞎 Not for Profit 🞎 Volunteer 🞎 Private 🞎**

**Other 🞎 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Overview of Core Activity:**

**Please attach the following with your application:**

1. **a copy of your constitution or evidence of your objects**
2. **a list of current office bearers or key persons**

**Certification:**

I/we certify that if, or when elected to membership by the board of the Council I/we shall abide by the Constitution of the Neurological Council of Western Australia (Inc) and any by-laws made therein. I/we agree to fulfil all obligations of membership.

**Signature of Person Authorised to Sign: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A copy of the NCWA Constitution is on our website [www.ncwa.com.au](http://www.ncwa.com.au). If you require a hard copy, please contact our office.

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**Our Vision:** Providing leadership in services and support for people with a neurological condition in Western Australia.

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## **Our Mission:** To work in partnership with government and non-government organisations to ensure that appropriate services are accessible for all people with neurological conditions.