

# Membership Prospectus



*Team up with us. Be part of a strong, unified voice for  
Queensland's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector.*



# A Strong Unified Voice

The Queensland Alliance for Mental Health (QAMH) represents more than 100 members and stakeholders involved in the delivery of Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Services across the state.

QAMH leads a united contemporary voice for the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector, to promote the sector's unique contribution to Queensland. Our purpose is to foster sector excellence through leadership, collaboration and influence with our members and strategic partners.

We work hard to advocate on behalf of our members, facilitate connections with other service providers and provide training and events that add valuable knowledge and skills within the community mental health and wellbeing workforce. We also collaborate and seek insights from our members to ensure sector challenges and reforms are part of a broader state and national agenda.

We can make a difference ... together.

**Become a QAMH member today.**

# qamh Member Benefits

## Member Benefits include:

- **Influence national and state wide reform** – engage in mental wellbeing related projects and advocacy through QAMH, at times in conjunction with other peak bodies
- **A platform for your views to be represented** – issues that matter to your organisation can be presented at both local and national government level
- **Member training and event discounts** – enjoy access to training opportunities and discounts to events, resources, and ideas relating to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector
- **Strategic member support** – receive individual consultation with Queensland Alliance for Mental Health Chief Executive Officer and management team for advice, high-level strategic thinking and expertise
- **Help shape the future of Queensland's mental health landscape** – participate in forums and events
- **Connection to other members** – network and develop strategic partnership opportunities with like-minded service providers and organisations
- **Stay informed** – access the latest industry news and updates via QAMH weekly and monthly e-news
- **Raise the profile of your organisation in the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector** – promote member organisation events and initiatives through QAMH communication channels
- **Have your voice heard** – General Members have voting rights and can nominate for Board positions in line with the Alliance rules

*“We are a proud member and value the support to our organisation from QAMH.”*

**Member Feedback Survey**



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leading community  
mental wellbeing

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# Membership Costs

## General Membership

### Organisations and groups

Available to organisations or groups that play a significant role in serving the needs of people affected by mental illness or psychiatric disability. General members are bound by the *Alliance Rules*, receive voting rights and can nominate for board positions.

Membership cost depends on the size of your organisation.

| Annual Income             | Annual Cost |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Low income (under \$100K) | \$75        |
| Up to \$500K              | \$175       |
| Up to \$1M                | \$275       |
| Between \$1M and \$3M     | \$700       |
| Between \$3M and \$6M     | \$1400      |
| Between \$6M and \$10M    | \$2,800     |
| Over \$10M                | \$4,200     |

## Associate Membership

### Organisations, groups and individuals

Available to organisations, groups or individuals that subscribe to the objectives of QAMH, and are bound by the *Alliance Rules*, but are not eligible for General membership. Benefits are the same as a general member however no voting rights or nominations for board positions apply.

**Associate Industry** Membership Fee is \$500 per annum

**Associate Individual** Membership Fee is \$75 per annum

**Become a QAMH member today.**

Visit [www.qamh.org.au](http://www.qamh.org.au) and complete the online registration form on our **Memberships** page. If you have any questions contact QAMH at [members@qamh.org.au](mailto:members@qamh.org.au) or call 07 3394 8480.

*Please note: ALL membership fees are renewable annually on 1 July and are GST exclusive.*



# Our Work

## Fostering Innovation, Leading and Influencing

Our work fosters a deeper understanding of the vision and unique contribution the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector and our advocacy drives reform.

Our **Wellbeing First** report calls to fundamentally shift the focus of our sector from managing illness to actively supporting wellbeing and we are actively engaging policy makers and other external stakeholders to develop awareness of and campaign for reform.

We have partnered with the **Queensland Mental Health Commission** to undertake a comprehensive analysis of our sector which will advance and support growth and sustainability of the sector in the future, and have contributed to the evaluation of the **Queensland Health** funded Mental Health Community Support Services. We collaborate with our associate Industry PHN members, engaging in Joint Regional Planning activities across Queensland.

We collaborate with other Sector Peak and Industry Bodies on number of projects including: training and development activities; affordable housing with integrated mental health supports; Peer Workforce training initiatives; partnerships to address social isolation and engagement with Community Sporting and Creative Art organisations and activities. We continue to advocate for reforms and lead initiatives that will improve the recruitment, retention and mental wellbeing of a capable Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Workforce.

### Submissions, positioning papers and reports

We consult with our members via regular meetings and forums and special interest groups. Consultation guides the submissions we make and recently have included:

- Queensland Government Inquiry into the Opportunities to Improve Mental Health Outcomes for Queenslanders
- Federal and State Budget Submissions
- National Safety and Quality Standards for Community Managed Organisations

- NDIS Implementation and forecasting, and price reviews
- National Mental Health Workforce Strategy, and
- the Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness in Queensland and the Productivity Commission Inquiry onto Mental Health.

**We have strong and committed partnerships** with key stakeholders, members, partners and funders in the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector.

**We represent the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector** through a range of committees and networks to influence change and reform both locally and nationally.

At a national level, **we work alongside Community Mental Health Australia, Mental Health Australia and the National Mental Health Commission on sector related issues.** Regular meetings are held with other peak bodies in each state and territory, and we encourage input from members on relevant submissions and issues.

Locally, **we participate in a range of Committees and working groups** bringing the voice of the sector to the table.

**We build sector knowledge** by leading and participating in projects and improvement initiatives. Recent projects have: evaluated people's experiences of accessing mental health services during the COVID-19 pandemic; reviewed the Workforce challenges facing the sector; co-designed services to support improved Physical Health; developed Training opportunities; and supported improvements in training for the Peer Workforce.

**QAMH is a reliable source of knowledge about the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector.** Our members can count on our knowledge and expertise as we work together.



# Facilitating Connections for our Members

Facilitating regular online forums enables us to inform and discuss sector initiatives and issues with our member organisations. Our forums also provide consultation with our member network on submissions and reports, information on new mental health initiatives, important industry legislation changes, and exclusive training and education opportunities.

Popular topics have included Trauma-Informed Care, The Productivity Commission Inquiry into Mental Health, QAMH's future vision of the sector, forums with political leaders, and presentations led by other Member organisations and influencers.

## Supporting Community Wellbeing – Regional Event Series

Face-to-face regional events provide an opportunity for our members and locals to connect, share knowledge and expertise with each other and celebrate and support community resilience and wellbeing. Our events held in Townsville, Bundaberg, Toowoomba and Mackay have been well-received, and QAMH plans to continue these regional events.

## Member Advocacy and Reference Groups

Our members can get involved in advocacy groups to focus on and raise the public and political profile of important issues relating to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Sector.

Our reference groups input into the current sector environment to provide better outcomes for people using non-government community services for mental distress.

We encourage our members to share with us the issues that are impacting them, their organisation and/or the broader environment in which they operate.

Working together we can improve the growth and sustainability of services and ultimately provide better outcomes for people in our community.

**We look forward to supporting you.**

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