

The Royal Society of Queensland

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Message to Members – Membership Procedures

With the energising of the Research Fund at the celebratory launch on 5 June and the awarding of grants at the Annual General Meeting on 29 November 2018, the Society is able to offer a comprehensive range of support services for Queensland scientists, from funding original investigations, to conferences and deliberative seminars, to networking with experienced scientists and building bridges across disciplines, through to publication in a venerable scholarly journal of 133 years' standing.

The importance of upholding the standards of evidence-led enquiry has arguably never been more vital, as modern communications allow all manner of opinion to be distributed around the world and the reputation of honest science comes under attack.

During my tenure, I have been reminded time and again of the breadth of knowledge amongst members and the collective capacity of our membership to participate in the advance of knowledge. As well as welcoming those with deep disciplinary expertise, scholars with an international profile and naturalists with no particular professional education, the Society offers an intellectual home, unique in Queensland, for those whose interests extend beyond one discipline into general science and the standing of science in society.

I take this opportunity to remind members that we have a "Members' Collections" facility on our website, with a sub-page available for each member who has authoritative scientific information to share with the world:

<http://www.royalsocietyqld.org/science-library/members-collections/> .

At present, there are about 120 members on our register. There is a steady trickle of new members but the Society is vulnerable if established members choose not to renew or omit to renew. Our membership fees do not cover even the cost of printing the annual *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Queensland*, our bedrock scientific activity, so the Society is drawing down on its reserves to continue its operations.

The Society has recently digitised its membership roll and member Tony Van Der Ark has generously offered to serve as Membership Coordinator. The attachment to this letter outlines the new procedures.

I do urge members to renew when their subscription expires. Continued membership justifies continued support by the office-bearers and allows you to join a network of public-spirited people who will inspire you.

Geoff Edwards
President
04 8850 5887

Tony Van Der Ark
Membership Coordinator

7 December 2018

Procedures for Digital Roll

The Royal Society of Queensland digitised its membership roll. We write to advise you of the implications and to invite you to continue your membership when it next expires.

Digitisation will streamline the processing of membership applications and renewals, and so will lighten the workload upon our Society's volunteer officers, but it should also be a convenience to members, who will have online access to their account and can check their membership status at any time.

The transition to a digital roll has not been as smooth as desirable. I apologise to members who have had difficulty in registering during the transition. Our web developer identified some bugs in the software, but there is another problem that will remain with those who use an official address such as a Queensland Government address for their membership. We understand that the Queensland Government does not support the use of PayPal and suspect that some of the failed attempts were blocked by the government's servers.

Changes

The primary changes will be that reminder notices before and after expiry will be automated, that membership will run from date of payment rather than from the beginning of the calendar year, and that members will need to assign a password to themselves.

The change will have no implications for privacy. Access to the membership roll is confined to the President, Acting Secretary, part-time Admin Coordinator Pam Lauder and Membership Coordinator Tony Van Der Ark.

There will be no change to the present procedure for distributing the monthly Members' Newsletters: they will be emailed (blind copy) to all members as attachments (and posted in hard copy to those members without email accounts). The Newsletters will not be posted on the public website as they are considered as being a privilege of membership.

Three methods of payment

Both initial enrolments and subsequent renewals will be payable in three ways:

- through the website <http://www.royalsocietyqld.org.au/membership/> . This payment is managed by PayPal (but you can pay by credit card without a personal PayPal account);
- by direct bank transfer; – but *please remember to indicate your name* in the reference box;
- by cheque posted to the Society's post office box.

Renewing online

When renewing your membership online, it will be necessary to adopt a password and log in. Username in most cases is the email address registered with the Society, although some members may have assigned themselves a different password.

Login on the website via the link above the search bar at the top right of the home page.

If you have not previously logged into your account, click the "Reset password" button and enter your email. This will send a link to the linked email to set a new password.

Once logged on, go to the "Membership" link found in the same area as the "Login" link. From here fill out the form with the relevant information and follow the instructions.

Geoff Edwards
President

with Pam Lauder
Administration Coordinator

28 December 2018

Screen shots for renewing membership either by Bank Transfer or Pay Pal

Bank Transfer

Select **“here”** below

RENEW MEMBERSHIP

If renewing by bank transfer follow the instruction [here](#).

Choose your subscription level

\$35.00 for 1 Year \$65.00 for 2 Years

\$95.00 for 3 Years

Title (eg. Mr, Ms)

Dr

Telephone

0411361413

Special Scientific Interests

Event Management

Address Line 1

17 Arkin Street

Address Line 2

RED HILL QLD 4059

Register

OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

As well as PayPal the Royal Society offers other ways to pay membership fees. Direct bank transfers are another online option: just fill in the form below and make the transfer to the account listed (following the instructions given). Once the transfer has been received you will be sent an email confirming your membership. For offline payment methods please get in touch via email or post. Details can be found below or on the Contacts page.

BANK TRANSFER

Please include your full name in the reference field, e.g. “John Doe-RSQ m’ship”.

Once you have made the transfer, if you have not done so already please fill out the form below so we can process your membership.

Account Name: Royal Society of Queensland Inc.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
royalsocietyqld.org
BSB: 004001

Account No: 00901597

OFFLINE PAYMENT & ASSISTANCE

If you are unable to pay online or are having difficulties you can inquire about other payment methods and request help at rsocqld@gmail.com.

If paying on line, don’t forget to advise the Society of your postal address and other contact details. You may do that via the web-form below or via the [Word document form](#), which can be emailed or posted.

Privacy note: Members’ contact details are accessible only to the office-bearers and are

ROYAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: BANK TRANSFER

Full Name* :

Address* :

Suburb

City/Town

Phone* :

Email Address* :

Special Scientific Interest* :

Membership Options* :

1 Year (\$35) ▼

Enter the 4 character code 7 A 7 8 :

Send

INFORMATION & PRICING

Membership to the Royal Society of

Queensland costs:

\$35 for 1 year

\$65 for 2 years

\$95 for 3 years

DONATIONS

Donations to the Research Fund also can be made via bank transfer. To do so lodge them to: BSB 064-001, Account number 11970213. (This number has changed recently).

The formal name of the account is “THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF QLD AS TRUSTEES FOR THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND RESEARCH FUND”.

Please mark the transfer with an identifying name and send a specific request for a receipt to research@royalsocietyqld.org.au.

Complete above information and press **“send”**

OR Payment by PayPal

Select **Register** at the bottom of the page which will take you to the PayPal page

RENEW MEMBERSHIP

If renewing by bank transfer follow the instruction [here](#).

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Got a PayPal account?

or

PayPal Guest Checkout




We keep your financial information securely encrypted.




PayPal is a safer, faster way to pay

No matter where you shop, we keep your financial information securely encrypted.

Country
Australia ▼

Card number


Expires CVV 

First name Last name

Billing address

Address line 1
Address line 2
Suburb
State/Territory ▼
Postcode

Contact details

Phone type Mobile ▼	 ▼	Phone number +61
Email address ?		

Logging in with a password for the first time

LOGIN

If you are logging in for the first time and haven't set a password click "Lost your password?" below.

E-mail	Password
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remember me	Lost your password?
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	

Enter email address and then select **Lost your password**

You will then receive an email with a "link" that you should select and enter your password. You will then be able to Login with your new password – see below.

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All your membership details will then be available in the next screen where you can edit your details or make a membership payment by Bank Transfer or PayPal.

Important note

If paying by bank transfer or cheque, please send a message to membership@RoyalSocietyQld.org.au advising our Membership Coordinator that you have done so.

If you register from a different email address (say, you register from home whereas the Society knows you as from a departmental address), please advise the Membership Coordinator.