

WAAMH

Western Australian Association
for Mental Health

MEMBERSHIP

Strengthening community mental health together





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Peak body representing community mental health

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) is the peak body for community mental health in WA and a membership-based, not-for-profit organisation, founded in 1966.

WAAMH engages in genuine partnership with community-managed organisations providing mental health services; people and families with lived experience of mental health issues and suicide; and a wide network of collaborative relationships at both state and national levels with individuals, organisations and community members who share our values and objectives.

When you join WAAMH, you become part of a strong, united and dedicated network which together we influence community attitudes, mental health priorities, policy and practice so Western Australians have the rights, resources and support needed for mental wellbeing, recovery and citizenship. Our members provide a range of services across the community services field - not just mental health support. Membership is renewed annually every financial year (July - June).

WAAMH's primary objective on behalf of its members, is to exhibit an independent and representative voice, when conveying the issues of the sector to those making decisions. As a member you can contribute to shaping this voice and help us represent a unified sector. WAAMH members also have access to a wide range of development opportunities and fantastic benefits.

WAAMH activates its core strategic priorities through its three main areas of work:



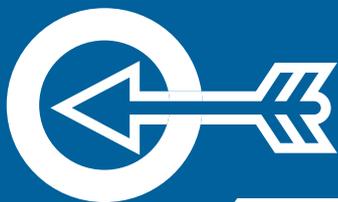
Leadership, advocacy & representation



Development & capacity building



Mental health promotion



our strategic priorities

- 1** Progress the 10 Year Plan target for balancing the system towards prevention
- 2** Progress the 10 Year Plan target for balancing the system towards community support
- 3** Influence NDIS implementation in WA to ensure its responsive for people with psychosocial disability
- 4** Uphold the human rights and hear views from those most disadvantaged by the mental health system



membership categories



Full Organisational Membership



Full Individual Membership



Associate Organisational Membership



Associate Individual Membership

key perks



Amplify your voice, have greater impact, and play a bigger part in our robust advocacy work to shape important mental health reform.



Access highly credible advice through the extensive experience, expertise, skill base, and knowledge of our policy team; and receive authoritative, timely and curated mental health news and information.



Build your networks and collaborative opportunities to support the strength of a united sector voice.



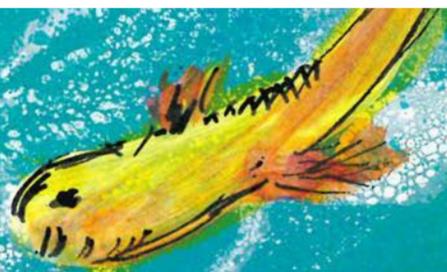
Experience our personal, genuine and committed approach to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged members of our society.



Be part of our consultations, submissions, reference groups and committees and share ideas and raise your concerns.



Join our special events and offers, promote your organisation or services, and seize exclusive discounts to training and resources.





Full Organisation

For community-managed, non-governmental mental health services.

why be on board?

- WAAMH membership provides avenues to shape the future of community mental health services
- We provide the platform for your voice to be represented to influence State and Federal government policy
- As a member, your input will be prioritised in our submissions and consultations to drive reform
- Priority preference to join our reference groups and steering committees
- Play an active role in our robust advocacy agenda to improve outcomes for people with lived experience
- Be part of our strong movement advocating for prevention, early intervention, community support, and an effective NDIS
- Voting rights at our Annual General Meeting and ability to nominate to sit on our Board
- Connect with similar services and share your understandings, experiences and solutions
- Organisational members are able to publish their news, and promote their services and events through our digital communication streams (content published with discretion)
- Ability to access our professional network for advice on issues or raise concerns
- Access to resources, tools and best practice to enhance your organisational capacity to provide services that are trauma-informed, person-centred and recovery-focused care.
- Exclusive invitations and partnership opportunities
- Opportunity to build your networks and co-host sector events
- Discounted access to mental health training facilitated by our highly qualified, engaging specialists
- Recognised as a WAAMH member on our website and mental health service directory with logo and click-through

“ WAAMH helps to bring organisations together. They are able to identify common issues raised by their member organisations, convene working groups and help the sector present a united front when advocating on key issues.

In an NDIS environment, there is a temptation for organisations to compete and become internally focused. WAAMH facilitates combined advocacy and gives a platform to share experiences and learn from each other.

It is often difficult to find time to contribute to all of the pricing reviews and consultation opportunities that arise. By contributing through WAAMH, it significantly reduces the burden of contributing to these sort of things, and by combining your input with that of other organisations it makes it more powerful. ”

- Ruah Community Services



Full Individual

For people with lived experience as a consumer, carer or family member.



why join us?

- Play a more active role in our robust advocacy agenda so together we can improve outcomes for people with lived experience in the community and enhance the consumer experience with mental health services
- Have your concerns and ideas shape our advocacy and important mental health reform
- Amplify your voice through our representation of your views via our influential public platform
- WAAMH membership provides the platform for your voice to be represented to influence State and Federal government policy
- As a member your input will be prioritised in our submissions and consultations
- Receive priority preference to join our reference groups and steering committees
- Voting rights at our Annual General meeting and ability to nominate to sit on our Board
- Access to authoritative, timely and curated mental health news, positions, and announcements
- Ability to access our professional network for advice on issues or to raise concerns within the sector
- Access to exclusive resources, tools and best practice to deepen your understanding of self-advocacy, mental health law, de-escalation skills, and positive psychology
- Exclusive invitations and advanced notice of special sector forums, events, and networking functions
- Discounted access to mental health courses facilitated by our highly qualified, engaging specialist experts from around WA delivering current and relevant content

“ Membership of WAAMH keeps me informed with timely updates of the ‘what’, ‘where’ and ‘when’ of what is happening within the policies and governance of the mental health system in WA and nationally.

WAAMH’s advocacy is informed, determined and truthful. It is a reassuring presence for those of us pursuing better practice and understanding within the mental health system. In particular it includes and supports, consumers, families, carers and supporters, encouraging us too, to add our voice. ”

- Bridget Silvestri





Associate Organisation

For organisations which intersect with the mental health sector, value the mental wellbeing of its workforce, and support WAAMH's objectives and values

what do you gain?

- Discounted access to WAAMH's customised training and mental health courses facilitated by accredited industry professionals with engaging presentation styles and current, evidence-based, best practice content
- Advanced notice to special events, professional development and sponsorship opportunities
- Exclusive offers and invitations to membership networking functions
- Promote your mental health-related news and events through our communication channels
- Opportunity to join our steering committees and reference groups
- Receive authoritative, timely and curated mental health news and announcements
- Access to resources, tools and best practice to enhance your organisational capacity to respond to workplace related mental health challenges, including de-escalation skills; mental health challenges and disability; co-occurring alcohol & other drugs and mental health issues.

Types of members

State Government Departments

Schools

Local Government

Universities

Health groups

Corporations

Insurance agencies

Other peaks



Associate Individual

For professionals whose work relates to mental health and / or supporters of our objectives and values



get involved!

- Join a group of fellow professionals and supporters dedicated to improving mental health outcomes in our community and workplaces
- Network with similar-minded people and expand your professional connections and collaborations
- Opportunity to participate in our steering committees and reference groups
- Receive authoritative, timely and curated mental health news, positions, and announcements
- Discounted access to WAAMH's customised training and mental health courses facilitated by accredited industry professionals with engaging presentation styles, current, evidence-based and best practice content
- Access to resources, tools and information to enhance your skills and understanding in the mental health space
- Advanced notice to special events, professional development opportunities and guest speakers
- Exclusive offers and invitations to membership events and networking functions

Types of members

Members of Parliament

Educators

Mental health workers

Consultants

OH&S and HR professionals

Medical professional

Small business owners

Member of the community

Allied Health Professionals





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Strong and thriving mental health community

At the Western Australian Association for Mental Health we work to support and enable recovery in people affected by mental health concerns through support and representation of service providers in WA and engaging with people with a lived experience of mental health challenges.

We aim to influence policy and funding decisions to help create a strong and sustainable range of community mental health services so they have capacity to provide contemporary and responsive support for all people across the length and breadth of our State.

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