



MEMBERSHIP

Strengthening community mental health together





WAAMH

Western Australian Association
for Mental Health

JOIN US

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 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.

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 and networking opportunities, discounts and perks. You will receive a certificate of membership and digital badge to display your support. Membership is renewed every financial year.

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



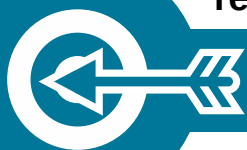
**Leadership,
advocacy &
representation**



**Development &
capacity building**



**Mental health
promotion**



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1

Progress the 10 Year Plan target for balancing the system towards prevention.

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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

Stronger together:

WAAMH recognises a continuum of supports – built on principles of human rights, recovery, co-production, personalisation and choice, social inclusion and cultural connection – are essential to the promotion, protection and restoration of mental wellbeing. WAAMH promotes, advocates for and further develops this network of supports.

KEY PERKS



Amplify your voice, have greater impact and play a bigger part in our robust advocacy work to shape important mental health reform – be part of consultations, submissions, reference groups.



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 from our promotions team.



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



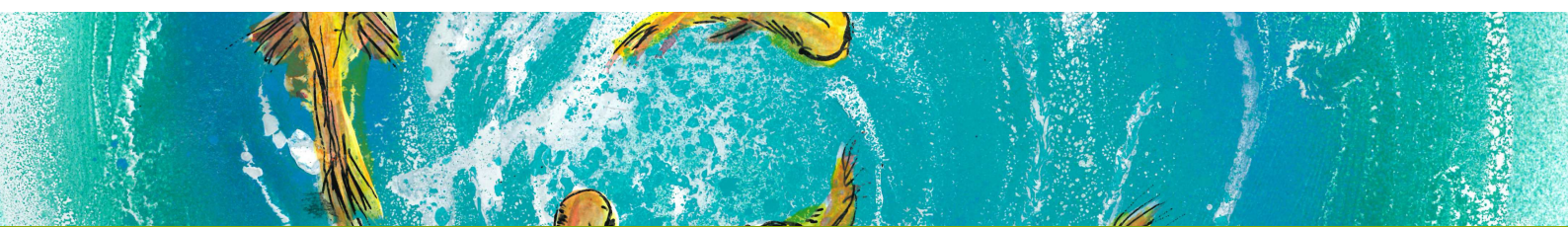
Experience our personal, genuine and committed approach to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged members of our society.



Access premium, evidence-based, interactive training and development courseware delivered by engaging, qualified trainers, based on our 50 years of understanding mental health education needs.



Join our sector networking events and receive special offers, exclusive discounts, resources and promotions for your organisation.





FULL ORGANISATION

For community-managed, non-governmental mental health services

Member benefits

- WAAMH membership provides avenues to shape the future of community mental health services in WA.
- Access a 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 supports and an effective National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- 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 to raise concerns.
- Access to resources, tools and best practice to enhance your organisational capacity to provide services that are trauma-informed, person-centered and recovery-focused care.
- Exclusive invitations and partnership opportunities, build your networks and co-host sector events.
- Discounted access to mental health training facilitated by our highly qualified, engaging specialists.
- WAAMH member badge on mental health service directory with logo and click-through.

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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 our input with that of other organisations it makes it more powerful.

- Ruah Community Services

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FULL INDIVIDUAL



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

Member benefits

- 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.
- 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, positive psychology and trauma-informed practice.
- 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 specialists.

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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

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ASSOCIATE ORGANISATION

For organisations who have an interest with the mental health sector, value the mental health wellbeing of its workforce and support WAAMH's objectives

Member benefits

- 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 and other drugs and mental health issues.

Types of members



- State government departments



- Local government
- Health groups



- Insurance agencies



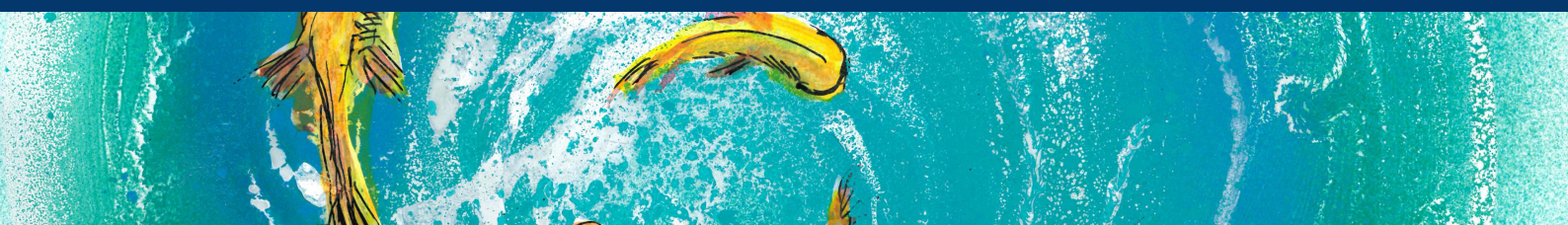
- Schools



- Universities
- Corporations



- Other peak bodies



ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL



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

Member benefits

- 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 join our steering committees and reference groups.
- Receive authoritative, timely and curated mental health news and announcements.
- Access to resources, tools and information to enhance your skills and understanding of mental health.
- Discounted access to WAAMH's customised training and mental health courses facilitated by accredited industry professionals with engaging presentation styles and current, evidence-based and best practice content.
- Advanced notice to special events professional development opportunities and guest speakers.
- Exclusive offers and invitations to membership events and networking functions.

Types of members



- Mental health workers
- Allied health professionals



- Educators
- Consultants



- Medical professionals
- Members of parliament



- Occupational health & safety & human resources professionals



- Small business owners



- Members of the community





Strong and thriving mental health community

For nearly 60 years, the Western Australian Association for Mental Health has worked to support and enable recovery in people affected by mental health concerns – through support and representation of the service providers in the WA community that do this, or by engaging directly with people with a lived experience of mental health challenges.

We achieve this through broad sector engagement and working 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.

Join us at waamh.org.au/membership

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