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## **Member Prospectus**

The Australian and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Surgery Association (ANZGOSA) was formed in 2006, to provide a vehicle for improving the surgical management of diseases of the stomach, oesophagus and upper gastrointestinal tract. The Association was registered in late 2006, and its Secretariat is currently based in Adelaide. Membership of the Association is now available.

### **MISSION AND PURPOSE**

The goals of the ANZGOSA are to:

- further develop and promote the specialty practice of upper gastrointestinal surgery within Australia and New Zealand
- organise appropriate educational activities
- promote multidisciplinary engagement
- organise fellowships and other post-FRACS fellowship training opportunities for surgeons seeking additional training in upper gastrointestinal surgery
- promote, and potentially coordinate, research (particularly clinical)
- interact with government and other professional organisations
- construct and publish clinical guidelines

### **STRUCTURE**

The Board of ANZGOSA comprises of up to twelve members. Full ANZGOSA members elect representatives to the Board, which elects its own office bearers. Board members serve for terms of three years. The maximum length of service on the Board is nine years (three terms), while the President serves for one term. Members may stand for re-election after one term of the Board but cannot be re-elected to the Presidency.



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The current Board is:

<b>President</b>	Ross Roberts (New Zealand)
<b>Vice President</b>	Wendy Brown
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Iain Thomson (Vic)
<b>Board members</b>	Andrew MacCormick (NZ)
	Tim Bright (SA)
	Leigh Rutherford (QLD)
	Jon Shenfine (SA)
	Krishna Epari (WA)
	Neil Merrett (NSW)
	David Martin (NSW)

Other sub-committees (training, research etc) within ANZGOSA have been established as the organisation has grown; participation by ANZGOSA members in these groups is invited and encouraged.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the ANZGOSA is open to all surgeons with an interest in diseases affecting the upper gastrointestinal tract, including diseases of the stomach and the oesophagus.

#### **Benefits of membership - current**

- Discount of Annual Scientific Meeting registration fees
- Subscription to a bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- Development of multi-site clinical projects
- ANZGOSA website – Find a surgeon
- Participation in ANZGOSA Audit
- Eligibility to attend the AGM, stand for election, and participate in Association activities
- Opportunity to network with peers
- Travelling scholarships
- ANZGOSA Post Fellowship training programme

#### **Information privacy**

ANZGOSA complies with Australian National Privacy Principles and Legislation. All members are given the opportunity to update their



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personal information on the annual subscription form; however, members are encouraged to verify that their personal details are accurate and up-to-date when necessary.

### **Membership categories**

#### Full member

Medical practitioners with an interest in Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office.

#### Associate member

Trainees or retired Upper Gastrointestinal surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal practice.

Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office.

### **Fees**

Fees and subscriptions are set by the ANZGOSA Board. GST is payable on all fees.

Full member annual subscription	\$AUD250 (inc. GST)
Associate member annual subscription	\$AUD125 (inc. GST)

(A discounted subscription is available to members who are also financial members of ANZHPBA; \$400 for full membership of both Associations.)

### **How to apply**

Simply complete a Membership Application Form and submit it to the Secretariat.

*Membership of the ANZGOSA can be cancelled at any time by submitting a request in writing to the Secretariat.*