MEMBERSHIP POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that Polish Association of Queensland Inc. continues to strive towards fairness, recognition, honesty, responsibility and integrity in keeping with the Objects of the Association.

POLICY STATEMENT

There are increasing requirements and fiduciary responsibilities of the association that require us to adhere to stricter laws, insurance requirements and risk management objectives.

All applications must be completed in clear legible writing on the appropriate form and forwarded to the Secretary, Polonia Polish Association of Qld Inc. 10 Marie Street, Milton 4064 or by email to: membershipapplication@polonia.org.au

Memberships:

1. **Ordinary Member** – is a person of Polish descent aged 18 and over. Only Ordinary members shall be eligible to vote for any office of management position, as elected at an AGM every second year. Ordinary Members shall pay membership fees as set from time to time by Polonia Management Committee. Annual membership fees cover 1 July to 30 June each financial year. It is the responsibility of each member to pay their fees on time.

   To become a member, there is a requirement that the 2 Proposers are current Ordinary financial Members of Polonia.

   **Yearly Fees as at 01 July, 2019 are as follows:**
   - Ordinary Member $33
   - Ordinary Member Couple $55
   - Pensioner/ Student $25
   - Pensioner Couple $35

2. **Associate Member** – is a person who wishes to be an Associate Member or who does not qualify for Ordinary Membership at the time of their application. An Associate member is not required to be of Polish descent. They shall not be eligible to speak or vote at any meetings, nor can they be elected to any office of management of the Association. Associate members have access to member rates at the club and access to the Library and other activities that are held by Polonia as part of this membership.

   **Yearly Fees as at 01 July 2019 are as follows:**
   - Associate Member $25
   - Associate Member Couple $40
   - Pensioner/ Student $15
   - Pensioner Couple $30

3. **Honorary Member** – is a person who rendered a conspicuous service to the Association and is selected by the Management Committee. Honorary Members may not vote and shall not be required to pay membership fees (Part VII, 3).
4. **Life Members** – The Management Committee may nominate an Ordinary Member who has rendered a conspicuous service and shall not be required to pay membership fees (Part VII, 4). A Life Member has the same privileges as an Ordinary member.

5. All the above members are eligible to receive the membership rate for hall hire, restaurant, bar areas for personal use.

6. Members providing volunteer support are entitled to be covered by the association’s volunteer and public liability insurance. Any wilful damage or harm shall not be covered by the insurance.