

# member prospectus

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## HISTORY OF THE ANZHPBA

The AHPBA was formed in 1998 as an association within the Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA). The intention was to create a multi-disciplinary group to further the practice of HPB medicine and surgery. Successful activities of the AHPBA included organising some meetings, usually in association with the Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW), and facilitating an overseas fellowship (The Paul MacMaster Fellowship). The group also had some dialogue with government through participation in MSAC committees.

In April 2005, for a variety of reasons, the decision was made to reform the Association outside the GESA. The Australian New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic and Biliary Association Inc was registered in early 2006. The Secretariat is currently based in Adelaide.

## MISSION AND PURPOSE

The goals of the ANZHPBA are to:

- further develop and promote the specialty practice of the discipline within Australasia
- organise further education activities
- promote multidisciplinary engagement
- organise fellowships and other post-fellowship training opportunities
- promote, and potentially coordinate, research (particularly clinical)
- interact with government and professional organisations
- construct and publish clinical guidelines

Any potential training activities of the Association are intended to be Post-RACS Fellowship.

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## STRUCTURE

The inaugural Board of the ANZHPBA comprises eight members. A further two will be elected at the 2007 AGM, and two in 2008, bringing the total Board to twelve. Full ANZHPBA 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 off the Board but cannot be re-elected to the Presidency.

The current Board is:

<b>President</b>	Rob Padbury
<b>Vice President</b>	Nick O'Rourke
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Chris Christophi
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Tom Hugh
<b>Board members</b>	Michael Crawford (Public Officer) Guy Maddern Val Usatoff John Windsor (New Zealand)

The Membership sub-committee of the ANZHPBA comprises the following members:

Nick O'Rourke (Chair)  
Val Usatoff  
Guy Maddern  
John Windsor

Other sub-committees within the ANZHPBA will be established as the organisation grows; participation by ANZHPBA members in establishing these groups is invited and encouraged.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ANZHPBA is open to surgeons with an interest in diseases affecting the liver, pancreas and biliary system.

### Benefits of membership - current

- Discount of Annual Scientific Meeting registration fees
- Subscription to a bi-monthly electronic newsletter
- Development of multi-site clinical projects
- Access to the *Members Only* section of the website
- Access to educational sessions
- Eligibility to attend the AGM, stand for election, and participate in Association activities
- Opportunity to network with peers

### Benefits of membership - future

- Subscription to an appropriate journal
- Eligibility to apply for research funds from the Association
- Eligibility to apply for international Fellowships

### Information privacy

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

### Authorisation

The ANZHPBA lists contact details for current financial members on its *Members Only* section of the website. Members are requested to indicate if they do not wish their details to appear by marking the *Privacy* box on the Membership Application Form.

