

Background

Wounds Australia Life Membership is a prestigious award of Wounds Australia, established to recognise significant service to the organisation or those who have made a significant contribution to wound management in Australia or internationally.

Life Member status is a distinction conferred by Wounds Australia upon full members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of the science and practice of wound management. Among the considerations for this distinction are academic, professional, clinical, legislative or other meritorious accomplishments.

Candidate Suitability

Suitability for Life Membership is demonstrated by fulfilment of at least 80 per cent of each of two of the following categories. Eligibility is inclusive of the period of time before Wounds Australia was incorporated as a limited company and the organisation functioned as the Australian Wound Management Association.

Each of these lists is not to be seen as exhaustive, with other examples of outstanding activity also possibly satisfying the category.

Life Membership Categories

Wounds Australia Life Membership is awarded in recognition of an individual's contribution across two or more of the following categories. The lists are not exhaustive: candidates may demonstrate achievement through the activities listed or through other outstanding activities.

- 1. Outstanding contribution to the activities of the Wounds Australia Board, portfolios, working groups, committees or sub-committees. This may include:**
 - Long service to Wounds Australia on any or a combination of these groups of at least 10 years;**
 - Leadership of at least one of the Wounds Australia Board, portfolios, working groups, committees or sub-committees;**
 - A lead role in organising at least two Wounds Australia biennial national conferences or Wounds Australia-affiliated international conferences;**
 - Leadership in two or more other Wounds Australia activities;**
 - Holding at least three different volunteer positions with Wounds Australia;**

- Officially representing Wounds Australia or significantly contributing to other related organisations on a national or international level.

2. Educational leadership. This may include:

- Having held the position of Chair in a wound management organisation at a state, national or international level;
- Making a significant editorial contribution to *Wound Practice and Research* through membership of the Editorial Board for at least five years;
- Being the author or editor of wound management or related books or guides, including book chapters;
- Establishing and/or contributing to CPD accredited or tertiary postgraduate certificate level and above programs related to wound management;
- Teaching and training activities in wound management at both an undergraduate and postgraduate level, including invitations to act as a keynote speaker in Australia or internationally.

3. Research leadership. This may include:

- Being awarded a Chair in wound research, at a state level, nationally or internationally;
- Being primary author of a minimum of four significant research articles on wound management, published in peer-reviewed journals;
- Co-authoring a minimum of eight significant research articles on wound management published in peer-reviewed journals;
- Establishing/developing a leading wound research centre;
- Obtaining a higher degree of Masters, doctorate or postdoctorate in wound-related research.

4. Clinical leadership. This may include:

- Being regarded by peers as a leading clinician in wound management in Australia and/or internationally;
- Contributing to the development of nationally or internationally accepted wound management standards, consensus documents, clinical guidelines or pathways;

- **Contributing to and exemplary work in translating or extending wound management from research into practical application, dissemination or implementation;**
- **The establishment of innovative wound management services;**
- **Superior sustained effort that contributed significantly to the mission of Wounds Australia regarding the advancement of wound management.**

