Becoming a member at Merri Health





Merri Health is a not-for-profit, community health provider, located in the inner north region of metropolitan Melbourne. We provide health, community and advocacy services and programs, to community members in need including services for children, youth, adults, people who are aged and people who have disabilities.



# History

Merri Health has been operating since 1993 and was previously known as Moreland Community Health Services. It adopted its current name in 2009 and changed its legal status to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

# Membership

#### Why become a member?

As a member of Merri, you are able to:

- Nominate others to become a Board Director once you have been a member for 12 months
- Attend members' meetings
- · Vote in Board elections after 12 months membership
- Contribute to your local community health service

You are also able to get involved as a community representative on one of Merri's Committees and provide feedback on a topic. For more information about sitting on a committee, call our Quality team on (03) 9389 2234 or email quality@mchs.org.au

### Other benefits include:

- Up-to-date organisational news received via our MerriNews newsletters, released three times a year.
- Connecting with like-minded individuals in order to support a key local, not-for-profit health agency.
- Notification of key events and forums. We also often run community focus groups where we seek the views of members of the community that helps shape the services we deliver.
- Access to BankVic to discuss your personal finances and how BankVic's products and services can be of benefit to you.
- Purchase of discounted Hoyts Cinema movie vouchers.
- Access to BUPA who can provide Health Insurance cover at corporate rates

# Voting

You must be a member of Merri for one year before you are able to vote. The year commences from the date you are approved by the Board of Directors and added to the member's register.

If you are unable to be present during a vote, you are able to send a proxy, attorney or representative to vote on your behalf.

# Cost

Membership at Merri Health is free.

## How to become a member?

To become a member, you will need to complete the approved application for membership and lodge it with the Company Secretary. The approved application form can be found on the Merri website at http://www.merrihealth.org. au/support-us/membership/ Copies can also be found at our sites at reception.

A member must be 18 years or over to complete an application form.



All members will be notified via letter when their application has been approved by the Merri Health Board of Directors. The approval process may take a few weeks, depending on the date your form is lodged, as the Board of Directors meet periodically throughout the year.

#### Please send your completed form to:

Merri Health Att: Executive Assistant to the CEO Level 1, 368 Sydney Road Coburg VIC 3058

#### Your responsibilities

A member must notify Merri Health as soon as possible, if any of your contact details change. This is so they can be updated on the register of members.

### More information

More information about membership and Merri Health can be found in our Constitution. To view a copy, go to http:// www.merrihealth.org.au/support-us/membership/

# For more information on these services, or if you require an appointment, contact Merri Health today.

Merri Health Registered Office: 11 Glenlyon Road Brunswick, VIC 3056

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