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Background to \$6 membership for large and monthly donations

Thank you for your support for ARRCC's Mission.

Now that donations to ARRCC are tax-deductible, the ARRCC team is committed to transparency and respect for people's entitlement to claim tax back from donations.

To clarify, **donations are tax-deductible, but conference fees and membership fees are not.**

In the past, we have shown our appreciation for donors' generosity by regarding people and organisations as members when they donate \$10 or more monthly or have given very large one-off donations. Because our Constitution requires some payment for membership, this necessarily translated into taking a membership fee out of such donations.

The **benefits of membership** are (1) for members, the satisfaction of knowing you are making ARRCC more effective, voting rights at AGMs, some added rights to information, and (for organisations) being listed as a member in the Annual Report; (2) for ARRCC, moral support, being taken more seriously by decision-makers when we do advocacy work.

We continue to want to reward generosity with membership, but want to maximise the amount of money people and organisations can claim back after making a donation.

Hence, our practice now is to take out a **membership of \$6 p.a. unless donors wish to opt out** and therefore make their entire donation to be tax-deductible.

Donors can opt out by writing to chair@arrcc.org.au

Eligibility for \$6 membership

- Individuals making a monthly donation of \$10 or more
- Individuals making a one-off donation of \$200 or more
- Large organisations giving \$500 or more
- Small organisations (like parishes) giving \$300 or more

Fees for Membership per se would remain the same.

Extra circumstances

There are some people who give monthly as well as giving a large donation. Our commitment is to check and ensure that \$6 is **not taken out twice**.

Where people and organisations pay membership fees as well as making generous donations, we intend to treat the membership contribution as a donation because a membership fee will already have been paid.