

# 20 reasons to be an ACORN member

In a recent survey 98 per cent of our members said they would recommend ACORN membership to their colleagues. Here's some reasons why.

## 1. Journal

According to our members the Journal for perioperative nursing in Australia is the number one member benefit (Member survey 2015 and 2016). The journal provides current research, education and activities to enhance the perioperative professional's development and engagement.

## 2. Free post-graduate study

To date more than 300 of our members have taken advantage of ACORN's partnership with the University of Tasmania.

## 3. Free education Webinars every month

Our webinars are available to all members at no cost. Every month ACORN provides accessible education to all. It doesn't matter if you are at home or at work, all you need is access to a tablet, mobile phone or computer to participate.

## 4. Access to the Standards

ACORN believes that every perioperative nurse should have access to the Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Australia. Members can get a copy for only \$50.

## 5. Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII)

PII is available to members through a partnership with Guild Insurance, insurance partners of nine other APHRA peak bodies.

## 6. Eligibility to apply for a \$20 000 research grant

Each year ACORN receives applications from members for research funding. Research into perioperative practice strengthens and advances our practice and patient safety. Whether you are a researcher or not, this important activity advances our knowledge in Australia and gains recognition in other countries.

## 7. Eligibility to apply for education scholarships

All members are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2000 to attend education events. It is important that we support less advantaged perioperative nurses so that access to professional learning is within everyone's reach. Often members from rural and remote areas apply to offset their travel costs.

## 8. Notice of job opportunities

Members can 'like' our perioperative jobs Facebook page and have immediate alerts about jobs available in the sector. No need to go looking – notifications can be set up to go straight to your phone.

## 9. Discounts on Elsevier books

Our partnership with the publisher Elsevier provides members with a 25 per cent discount off all of Elsevier's books. All you need is the code, which is sent to you every year. If you are a member and don't have the code, just ask.

## 10. National conference

Our national conference is a highlight in the professional calendar. It provides a fun event at which to network, share and learn. Members receive a substantial discount on registration.

## 11. Access to current information and events

ACORN regularly communicates to members about new initiatives e.g. Nurse & Midwife Support, the 24/7 nurse support and referral service.

## 12. Policy and advocacy

ACORN takes an active role in policy development and advocacy. We have presented submissions to government agencies and peak bodies and have joined alliances to lobby for modifications of proposals that would have an overall adverse effect on our members.

## 13. Advice, helpline and resources

Having a reliable and knowledgeable source of advice is a must. ACORN has 40 years of experience to share and provide relevant resources and documents to assist perioperative professionals.

## 14. Representation

ACORN and the local perioperative nursing associations play an important role in representing perioperative professionals. However they do not receive any government funding. Your professional associations can only exist with support from individual perioperative professionals like you.

## 15. Fellowship

ACORN Fellows are special members who have made a significant contribution to the goals of the College and the profession or demonstrated professional excellence. This recognition is important as it celebrates and provides awareness of perioperative nurses as professionals.

## 16. Professional advancement, support and networking opportunities

Being a member of a professional association gives you opportunities for networking with like-minded people and gaining support and professional development.

## 17. QANTAS Club

ACORN members are eligible to join the QANTAS Club and receive a range of benefits.

## 18. Voting rights

Members have a say about the decisions that the College makes on your behalf.

## 19. Membership fees are tax deductible

## 20. More benefits

Members receive benefits from their local associations that are over and above the benefits listed here. For more information on these, refer to your local association website.

For further information about any of these members benefits, go to [www.acorn.org.au](http://www.acorn.org.au)

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