

Welcoming Cities Membership Guide

Membership of the Welcoming Cities Network is a measurable step towards advancing communities where everyone can belong, contribute and thrive. All that's required to join is a commitment and signature from the Council's Mayor or CEO. Councils join at the Committed level, as either a Free or Premium member.

How does it work?

Premium members pay an annual subscription which includes additional benefits such as access to higher levels of accreditation, opportunities to present to peers and industry leaders at the annual Welcoming Cities Symposium and a suite of resources and support materials.

See the table on the following page for more details.



Committed
WELCOMING CITY

This badge declares your council's membership of the Welcoming Cities Network

Free and Premium members join a network of local councils across Australia who are supported through:

- **Knowledge Sharing.**
Supporting local governments to access evidence-based research, resources policies and case studies.
- **Partnership Development.**
Facilitating and resourcing multi-sector partnerships to maximise learning, reach and impact.
- **Celebrating Success.**
Recognising local governments that demonstrate leading practice and innovation in welcoming efforts.
- **Standard and Accreditation.**
Setting the National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in local government.

Benefits to becoming a Committed Welcoming City	Free	Premium
Council is formally recognised and promoted as a member of the Network	✓	✓
Access to the Welcoming Cities Network	✓	✓
Free access to Members' group and knowledge sharing platform on Apolitical.co	✓	✓
Access to library of leading cultural diversity and inclusion research, policies, plans and research	✓	✓
Suite of images and promotional materials for social media	✓	✓
Invitation to face-to-face meetings of state-based members	✓	✓
Discounted tickets to the annual Welcoming Cities Symposium	✓	✓
Access to the Established accreditation level*	✓	✓
Access to the Advanced, Excelling and Mentoring accreditation levels*	-	✓
Support to develop and promote case studies that support the council's work	-	✓
Media and publicity opportunities	-	✓
Opportunity to present and be profiled at the annual Welcoming Cities Symposium	-	✓
Consultancy support including advice, referrals, workshops and other services as needed	-	✓

*Additional fees apply to the Accreditation process

Membership Fees

Fees for Premium members are based on the population size of the Local Government Area, and paid annually for the duration of the council's involvement in Welcoming Cities. Membership fees help to ensure the sustainability of the initiative and provide effective support to local councils across the country.

Population size	Annual Fee
0-50,000	\$1,000
50,000-150,000	\$3,000
150,000+	\$5,000
Capital City	\$7,500

All prices ex GST

The fee structure for the different Accreditation levels can be found in [How to Become an Accredited Welcoming City](#).

How to become a member

To be recognised as a member, a council must [return a commitment form](#), signed by the council's Mayor or CEO. This form highlights the commitment of the council to:

- Join, and participate in, a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- Identify at least one key staff contact that will liaise directly with the Welcoming Cities team.
- Communicate regularly with the Welcoming Cities team, through at least three conference calls each year and an annual in-person meeting, to progress planning and share and learn from practices of other welcoming cities and communities.

Once the commitment form is returned and processed, members are part of the Network and can begin to access a range of benefits.

For any questions about becoming a member please contact Welcoming Cities.

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