



Australian Sex Workers Association

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Individual Membership Application Form

1. Choose your membership option

- Individual Non-Voting Member: nil membership fee and no end date (you will have the right to stand for elected positions but no voting or speaking rights at general meetings).
- Individual Voting Member: 1 financial year **\$55**, expires at the end of the financial year (you will have the right to stand for elected positions, vote and speak at general meetings), if the membership is not renewed it lapses to non-voting individual membership.
- Individual Voting Member: 3 financial years **\$110**, expires at the end of the third financial year (you will have the right to stand for elected positions, vote and speak at general meetings), if the membership is not renewed it lapses to non-voting individual membership.
- Extra Donation \$.....

2. Provide your details and sign

Name _____

We advise you to use a name that you are personally comfortable with others knowing you by.

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please only provide details that are private and safe for us to contact you through.

- I would like to join Scarlet Alliance E-list (*requires email address*).
- I would like to join the Scarlet Alliance Members only Facebook group (*requires email address*).
- I would like to receive a receipt for my membership payment (*requires email or postal address*).

New

Renewal

Optional information:

City/Town _____

State _____

I am a current or past sex worker, I am not an owner or operator, I have read and agree to the Scarlet Alliance objectives (see back) and constitutional rules (see website). I hereby apply to become a member of Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association Inc.

Signed _____ Dated _____

3. Have your membership moved by a current member

New applications need to be *moved* by a current member of Scarlet Alliance. Your application can be moved by any individual member if you are applying to be a non-voting member, or by any voting member if you are applying to be a voting member. If you are unable to do this, please call or email the admin officer at the Scarlet Alliance office to confirm your membership.

Note: If you are only renewing your existing membership you do not need to be moved by another member.

Moved by _____ Signed _____ Dated _____

4. Send in your membership application form and make payment

- Post, fax or email a completed membership form to members@scarletalliance.org.au
- Make payment by a) online banking transfer b) mail money order or cheque made payable to 'Scarlet Alliance' or c) pay cash at the Scarlet Alliance office.

Banking Details: BSB: 032-036 Account Number: 325292 Account Name: Scarlet Alliance Bank: Westpac (please use your application name as the reference). Membership fees may be a tax deductible work expense.

Office Only Seconded by _____ Signed _____ Dated _____

Information for Individual Members

Please read and agree to the following information before filling out the Individual membership form.

Who can become an Individual Member of Scarlet Alliance?

Scarlet Alliance welcomes membership from sex workers, past and present, who support and agree to the Scarlet Alliance Objectives. Sex industry business owners and operators, including those with sex work experience, are not eligible for membership.

What does membership to Scarlet Alliance entitle me to?

Scarlet Alliance is not a service delivery organisation, we are the national peak sex worker organisation working towards improved sex worker rights. By becoming a member of Scarlet Alliance, you are assisting us to strengthen our representation of sex worker issues from around Australia at a national level. Your experience as a sex worker informs Scarlet Alliance policy, advocacy and representation work. Your contribution strengthens our understanding of issues affecting you and the sex worker community.

There are two types of individual membership

- Individual **Non-Voting** Members do not pay a membership fee and remain members unless their eligibility changes. You have the right to stand for elected positions but do not have voting or speaking rights at general meetings.
- Individual **Voting** Members pay **\$55** for a 1 year membership OR **\$110** for a 3 year membership. The membership expires at the end of financial year. You will have the right to stand for elected positions, vote and speak at general meetings.

Representation, Disclosure and Confidentiality.

Individual membership does not endorse, empower, or necessitate you to represent or speak on behalf of Scarlet Alliance. Representation roles are elected positions and are determined at each National Forum. Scarlet Alliance does not use the names or details of individual members publicly. Scarlet Alliance represents the sex worker community including members in Australia, but does not release membership lists to the public. You should be aware however that Scarlet Alliance is an incorporated organisation, and as such the membership list is accessible to other members of Scarlet Alliance. As with all instances of association with the sex industry, for your own confidentiality and disclosure control, we advise you to use a name that you are personally comfortable with others knowing you by.

Scarlet Alliance objectives are:

- (a) To promote the civil and human rights of past and present sex workers and to work toward ending all forms of discrimination against them;
- (b) To lobby for legal and administrative frameworks which do not discriminate against sex workers;
- (c) To challenge any government at any time when and where it implements legislation, regulations, rules, policies or law enforcement practices which are discriminatory and/or repressive to the rights and autonomy of sex workers;
- (d) To actively promote the right of all sex workers to work in whatever area of their chosen occupation, including street, brothel, escort, private and opportunistic work;
- (e) To actively work towards guaranteeing the right of all sex workers to optimum occupational health and safety provisions. This will promote conditions where safe sex and general health knowledge can be converted to safe work practices. Furthermore, challenge any legislation, policy or process which does not so promote the rights of the worker;
- (f) To strive to eradicate sex worker stereotypes and stigmatisation in the popular consciousness and to communicate the diversity of ideas, opinions and aspirations of past and present sex workers;
- (g) To liaise with international sex worker rights groups in the development of regional and international networks, programs and objectives;
- (h) To support sex workers and sex worker organisations to become more politically active;
- (i) To enhance the capacity of sex workers to participate in advancing their rights and build networks & organisations;
- (j) To gather and disseminate sex industry related information to members;
- (k) To play an active role in Australia's response to HIV/AIDS, including supporting peer education and harm reduction strategies for sex workers;
- (l) To provide training and education on issues relating to the Australian sex industry and the migration of sex workers into Australia; and
- (m) To present up to date information on sex work issues at national and international forums.

These objects are undertaken in order to advance sex worker rights.

