

## WALRC Membership and application form FY 2021

### About WALRC

WALRC is WA's direct link to MLA, charged with the responsibility of providing evidenced-based rationale to MLA that will directly influence its on-farm RD&E investment portfolio. This occurs in three key steps:

- (a) Issues collection via WALRC and partner forums (over 700 producers contributed to this data sets in FY 1920);
- (b) A structured process to consolidate, ground-truth and prioritise the issues collected, with documentation provided to MLA to inform R&D project call guidelines and Producer Demonstration Site project guidelines;
- (c) Producer members responsible for the review and selection of project applications to ensure relevance to the region, ahead of projects being contracted

Apart from this core activity, WALRC undertakes a more strategic role to develop capacity and linkages within the WA red meat researcher/producer interface. WALRC's current membership composition includes Tier One members DPIRD, UWA, Murdoch and CSIRO which ensures that WA research institutions have a forum for collaboration and for ground-truthing their research and extension effort with WALRC's producer council members. The opportunity under a revised constitution now exists for additional members to join WALRC.

### How WALRC is funded

WALRC's core operational funding is provided by MLA.

WALRC has determined that it will seek additional income to cover operational costs via a membership structure, targeting those organisations whereby there is mutual benefit and where WALRC has confidence it can deliver a quality return on investment for those who pay membership.

WALRC also acknowledges that not all organisations are in a position to make a financial contribution, yet the mutual value they bring warrants inclusion.

The new membership categories, the eligibility and criteria are detailed over page.

Members can be either bodies corporate or natural persons, as defined in our constitution.

## FY 2021 Membership Schedule

Member	Description	Eligibility	Maximum members	Representative on management committee	FY 20/21 Fee	Term of membership
<b>Tier 1</b>	Tier 1 members are bodies corporate, where the member in consultation with WALRC identifies the individual that will represent it at WALRC General meetings. Substitute persons are permitted for general meetings.	Must be actively involved in the design and/or delivery of Research, Development, or Extension	The number of Tier 1 members must not exceed the number of Tier 2 members	The members will elect 3 representatives from Tier 1 to sit on the committee of management.	\$8000 plus GST	Annual, on submission of membership fee
<b>Tier 2</b>	Tier 2 members are producer members (and natural persons as defined in the constitution) where the member has been appointed through an open call selection process as defined in the charter of operations	Tier 2 members must carry a property identification number (PIC) from the southern half of WA; be actively involved in producing sheep and/or beef and be able to meet the WALRC producer member selection criteria	There are currently contracted funds for sitting fees/travel for 8 producer members	The members will elect 3 representatives from Tier 2 to sit on the committee of management	No fee, justified as these persons already by a levy to MLA	Three years, with eligibility to re-stand for a further three years
<b>Tier 3 Associates</b>	Tier 3 members are co-opted by the committee of management to fulfil a specific linkage/skill set that is considered to add value to the WALRC objectives. Tier 3 members are bodies corporate, with WALRC identifying the individual that will represent the member at general meetings.	Not for profit organisations and for profit service providers are eligible to apply for Tier 3 Associate membership in response to a call for EOI every 2 years. Applicants must be non-competitive to Tier 1 members and demonstrate the value they bring to WALRC, in order to be considered for this membership.	A maximum of three Tier 3	Associate members are not represented on the committee of management	No fee	Two years.

### **Tier 1 Benefits**

- A general member voting seat and the opportunity to take one of 3 management committee positions and one vice chair position, giving a direct input into the organisation's strategy and operations;
- The ability to access data collected by WALRC such as number of direct contacts with producers; the number and type of priorities collected by WALRC and the ability to use the WALRC newsletter to communicate directly with producers and associates;
- The ability to have a dedicated role on the program of WALRC events (priority collection forums and the R&D Forum) to provide a mechanism for Tier 1 investors to forge a pathway to adoption for their research projects that has greater producer-numbers in attendance;
- The opportunity to 'ask priority questions' relevant to your organisation via virtual forums, events and our digital platforms;
- The ability to demonstrate and promote its research ability/capacity to a broader network than would be the case without WALRC;
- The opportunity to engage via the Council with other potential funders including the commercial sector, GRDC, AWI, MLA Donor Company etc;
- The equal opportunity to be positioned as a 'partner' of WALRC in all on-ground activities and communication activities; and
- The opportunity to be part of the priority collection process in order to optimise understanding of producer needs in an independent environment.

### **Tier 2 Benefits**

- The opportunity to influence the direction and uptake of RD&E investment in WA
- Access to leading RD&E developers and deliverers
- The opportunity to take one of 3 management committee positions and one vice chair position, giving a direct input into the organisation's strategy and operations

### **Tier 3 (associate) benefits**

- A direct conduit to the WA livestock research community - providing unique access to latest R&D activities and leading WA sheep and beef producers considered early adopters of RD&E;

### **Membership Application Process**

WALRC expects that its membership will be relatively small as dictated by the caps explained on the previous page, with a focus on providing a tailored value proposition. Entities electing to purchase a WALRC membership will receive a tailored letter of agreement outlining the detail of their benefits and upon agreement will receive an annual invoice. An application form is offered over page.



# WALRC

WA Livestock Research Council

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Institution/Trading Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we apply to become a member of the following class of membership (See over for description)

Tier 1

Tier 2

Tier 3

of the above-named incorporated Association. In the event of my/our admission as a Member,

I/we agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Association as amended from time to time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant/  
Authorised Representative of Applicant**

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conditions of Membership

- Tier 1 Membership is valid from the date of this signed document together with payment of the annual membership fee and the member is acting in accordance with the terms of the constitution.
- Tier 2 Membership is valid from the date of this signed document, together with the appointment of the Tier 2 member via an open call and where an independent selection process has approved the appointment and the member is acting in accordance with the terms of the constitution.
- Tier 3 Membership is valid from the date of this signed document, together with the appointment of the Tier 3 member via an open call and where an independent selection process has approved the appointment and the member is acting in accordance with the terms of the constitution.
- Membership of WALRC does not necessarily mandate a seat on the Council of Management.