

Member Benefits

Becoming a member of your local ArtsNational Society connects you with a vibrant community of art lovers, historians, cultural enthusiasts and lifelong learners, and gives you access to a wide range of unique programs, events and resources tailored to deepen your enjoyment and understanding of the arts. When you join an ArtsNational Society, you will join a community of friendly, like-minded arts loving individuals.

Membership benefits cover the 4 following areas:

1. ArtsNational Products and Services / what do I get to enjoy?

What do we get to enjoy as members of ArtsNational?

- Up to 10 lectures a year (depending on your local Society) on an inspiring and vibrant array of artists, art genres and art techniques given in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere at a venue that is local to you.
- A selection of curated half and full special interest days on topics that you are interested in.
- A chance to meet and mix with people who share the same passion and interest as you.
- Member discount offers from selected local, state and national partners.

2. Contributing to a philanthropic cause / helping to make a difference

Your membership helps your society to support young artists and national conservation projects. Your fee directly contributes to your societies support of national conservation projects through the Patricia Robertson Fund which is run nationally by ArtsNational. Society members are also involved in raising funds and choosing local young artists and young arts projects to support in your community throughout the year.

As members we have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of volunteering projects in your local Society to support the mission of serving as a beacon of inclusivity and influence as we educate, support, and advocate for the arts across Australia, while fostering a vibrant and diverse cultural landscape. Your Society has a direct impact on the future of the arts and heritage for future generations including bringing the arts to local communities.

3. Membership is great value for money!

Taking a membership with your local ArtsNational Society is incredible value for money. For less than the price of a cup of coffee each week, you can be an active

part of your local Society and join them in being a great supporter of the arts in Australia.

4. Stability, credibility and heritage along with a great track record

ArtsNational is a registered charity with over 5,500 members across Australia in 36 Societies spread across regional and metropolitan locations. We are part of the larger international group called The Arts Society which has over 63,000 members in the UK and overseas. All of us share a common passion and love of the arts. ArtsNational has been going for over 30 years in Australia (previously called Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies or ADFAS). We have access to hundreds of accredited Australian and International lecturers offering over 4000 lecture titles. They are all experts in their field and have been through a rigorous accreditation process to be included in the Directory of Lecturers.

When you become a member of ArtsNational, you become a part of something truly fantastic that is dedicated to the arts.

Why Local Makes Us Different

Although ArtsNational is a national association, our focus has always been delivered locally and is built on local networks and values. Our local Societies across regional and metropolitan Australia are all unique and yet all rooted in a common heritage and shared beliefs. Local people make decisions about the area they live in. Local communities are more involved in services, and they are proud of and care for their local area. Localism is about ownership. It is a movement based on the post Covid mood that believes that local offers better, more sustainable, and wholesome life experiences which is why small local business thrive, why local activism yields results, and why being a member of your local ArtsNational Society is so important.

Your Society Matters

Your Society plays a crucial role in promoting cultural enrichment in your community by offering top quality lectures and other events. You offer people the opportunity to experience the arts delivered locally by world-class experts, without the need to travel long distances. Your Society also has the opportunity to support selected local young arts organisations and artists, as well as participate in the conservation of important national heritage items through the Patricia Robertson Fund.

Get Involved

ArtsNational Societies are not-for-profit charity organisations registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC). Your local Society is volunteer led and relies on local people to make the important decisions for your community. Societies are always looking for engaged and active local community

members to join their committee in a variety of roles. Reach out to them today to find out how you can get involved.

For more information and to find an ArtsNational Society near you, visit the memberships page at <https://www.artsnational.au/membership/>.