



## Voluntary, optional, and open membership contributions

At AAWAA, we believe in Women's standing with Women and in the value of our collective action. We work hard to provide leadership, direction, and advocacy on behalf of our members. It's work we believe in, but it is work that also needs to be funded.

### **What we do for Women**

AAWAA works hard to provide tailored services, resources, and opportunities designed to empower women and strengthen our shared impact. Through a combination of direct support, professional development, and coordinated action, our organisational activities amplify members' voices, drive policy change, and foster collaboration across the women's movement. See below for a [list of services](#) that AAWAA provides on behalf of our membership.

Every dollar goes directly to advancing women's liberation and the work of AAWAA. Your support enables us to continue our advocacy, outreach, and collective action for the rights of women and girls.

### **AAWAA membership fees: Your choice, your contribution**

At AAWAA, membership fees are entirely voluntary and optional. There is no pressure to pay, and no expectation or suggested amount: you are a welcome and valued member of AAWAA regardless of whether you choose to contribute financially.

Each Sister is therefore free to decide if, when, and how much to contribute. Contributions can be as little as \$5 or any amount that feels right for you. There is no minimum or maximum: every contribution is meaningful.

We kindly ask you to consider what is a reasonable amount that you can afford, or, if you are able, to set up an ongoing transfer or monthly commitment. We are deeply grateful for every contribution, no matter the size.

### **How your support helps**

Funds are used to support AAWAA's ongoing advocacy and foundational work, as well as our daily operational costs, including:

- Maintaining our digital infrastructure (online workspaces, website hosting and domains, email, communication tools and assistance platforms)
- Outreach, events, and resource development for women's liberation
- Professional development workshops in advocacy, administration, and digital skills
- Campaigns and submissions to government and others on issues affecting women and girls
- Printing and materials for advocacy and events

### **‘Pay it forward’ memberships**

Sisters are warmly invited to ‘pay it forward’ by covering the membership fee for another woman who may not be in a position to contribute at this time. If you would like to provide a membership for another Sister, then please make a note of that when you make your deposit. If you would like to be a recipient of a ‘pay it forward’ membership, simply email us at [women@womensadvocacy.net](mailto:women@womensadvocacy.net) with a brief note. All requests will be handled with respect and confidentiality.

### **No tiers, no competition: just collective support**

We do not offer tiered memberships as we know these can create unnecessary separation of Women according to means. Our approach is rooted in Sisterhood and mutual support: every Woman belongs equally, and every contribution – financial or otherwise – strengthens our movement.

### **How to contribute**

Membership fees, should you choose to pay, are due by 1 June each year, although are asking now for contributions for the coming financial year. Outside of this, you may contribute at any time that suits you.

If you wish to make a membership contribution or donation, please do so by direct deposit or bank transfer to:

- Account name: Women’s Action Alliance Canberra
- Account number: 1041 6432
- BSB: 062-902

The Women’s Action Alliance Canberra Inc has been delegated by AAWAA to collect and manage funds on behalf of AAWAA. Disbursement of funds is overseen by the AAWAA Executive Committee. Please email us at [women@womensadvocacy.net](mailto:women@womensadvocacy.net) with your name if you wish to be issued with a receipt. Note: We are not a charity, and donations are not tax-deductible.

Thank you for standing with us. Every act of support, in whatever form, helps build the foundations for women’s liberation and the ongoing work of AAWAA.

## **ANNEX: MEMBERSHIP SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR SISTERS**

### **Organisational activities**

- *National and international advocacy*: Representing affiliated women's action alliances in national and international matters, including submissions to government and international bodies on issues affecting women and girls.
- *Policy submissions and campaigns*: Drafting and submitting policy recommendations (e.g., on surrogacy, the Sex Discrimination Act, and institutional integrity) to influence legislative change.
- *Election campaigning*: Coordinating outreach to political candidates, distributing advocacy materials, and tracking engagement to promote women's sex-based rights during election cycles.
- *Event organisation*: Hosting events such as summits to raise awareness and foster discussion on women's rights and safety.
- *Team-building and capacity development*: Running workshops and developing strategies to strengthen member engagement and advocacy skills.
- *Building and maintaining political contact lists*: Compiling and updating lists of politicians at state and federal levels for advocacy and campaign purposes.
- *Media and community engagement*: Engaging with media and the broader community to amplify women's voices and campaign messages.
- *Coalition-building*: Working with partner groups and coalitions (e.g., WDI, WRNA, AF4WR, FLC, WST, CoAL, LAG) to maximise impact and reach.

### **Services provided for and on behalf of Sisters**

- *Member group chats*: Access to private and vetted group chat spaces where Sisters can connect, share updates, coordinate advocacy, and offer each other support in a secure and welcoming environment.
- *Advocacy resources*: Access to tailored advocacy packages, including pre-drafted cover emails, flyers (such as the SDA flyer), and key documents to support Sisters in engaging with decision-makers and politicians.
- *Professional development workshops* (upcoming): Special sessions on election advocacy, campaign strategy, and effective engagement with candidates, including training on social media advocacy and use of campaign materials.
- *Parliament and candidate contact lists*: Provision of comprehensive and regularly updated lists of candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives, including contact details, to empower Sisters' direct outreach.
- *Coordinated outreach support*: Guidance and tools for Sisters to participate in coordinated local, state, and national advocacy campaigns, ensuring a unified and effective message.
- *Access to campaign materials*: Flyers, posters, digital content, and other resources to support Sisters' advocacy in their communities.
- *Member-only communications*: Updates on strategy, campaign progress, and opportunities for further involvement, including confidential strategy sessions.
- *Networking and collaboration*: Opportunities to connect with other Sisters and allied groups for mutual support and collective action.

These services and activities are designed to empower Sisters, strengthen collective advocacy, and ensure that women's voices are effectively represented at all levels of decision-making.