
Making the Most of Your Membership

Typical pathways

Most members begin by completing an audit of where they stand in relation to the *National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care* before deciding where to focus their efforts. A large number find a gap in understanding amongst staff across a wide range of roles in relation to pastoral and spiritual care, and so basic education becomes the first step:

1. Self-assessment
2. Orientation program for spiritual care
3. Your focus areas

Tips for Implementation

To support your organisation with implementation, member representatives typically will be involved directly or indirectly with one or more of the following:

- Planning resource implementation
- Strategic meetings with leaders
- Emailing our newsletter to staff members
- Sharing Member's Zone access details with staff members
- Informal conversations with staff
- Internal newsletter articles
- Organising for us to visit you
- Presentations at team meetings
- Introduction at staff induction days
- Placing printed resources in easy to access locations
- Optional training/seminars
- Compulsory training
- Online education
- Incorporating in education calendar

Getting Involved

There are many ways our members collaborate with us to contribute to high quality pastoral and spiritual care for all older people in Australia. Let us know if you would like to participate in any of the following:

- Tools and resources development
 - ⇒ Drafting
 - ⇒ Trialling
- Providing feedback
- Sharing resources you have created
- Submitting stories about spiritual/pastoral care
- Hosting events
- Sharing trade displays at conferences
- Presenting at seminars
- Policy working group participation
- Communicating your needs to us
- And more!