

## **Associate Member Policy**

### **Definitions:**

A **Full Member** of Auckland Parents Of Deaf Children Inc (APODC) is a family that has a deaf or hearing impaired child.

An **Associate Member** of Auckland Parents Of Deaf Children Inc (APODC) is an individual or family that does not have a deaf or hearing impaired child. The parents may be deaf or hearing impaired, or they may have an interest in deaf children. Associate Members are welcomed and valued by APODC.

### **Benefits:**

Our constitution states that APODC use its resources for families of deaf or hearing impaired children, so there are some benefits that apply only to Full Members.

Benefits that apply to both Full and Associate Members:

- Regular Newsletters
- Access to Committee, Annual General and Special Meetings
- Access to APODC events (Associate members are welcome to attend, but at their own expense)

Benefits that apply only to Full Members:

- Access to APODC Scholarship
- Access to NZFDC sponsorship
- Free access to APODC events
- Ability to be an Officer on the Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)