

## **Auckland Parents of Deaf Children, Revised Membership Policy (April 2019)**

### **Definitions:**

**Full Membership** is open to any family/whanau with a deaf child (any level of hearing loss), and Deaf youth up to 24 years old, residing in the Auckland region.

**Associate Membership** is open to any other party with an interest in the welfare of deaf children. Associate members include deaf adults, CODA families (Child/ren of a Deaf Adult), body corporates, groups, organisations and individuals, residing in the Auckland region.

### **Who is included in the Membership?**

Membership is per family, and includes immediate family members, including parents, legal guardians, the deaf child, and any siblings.

### **Process:**

**Becoming a member:** New members must complete and sign the membership form, agreeing to promote and not hinder the mission and objects of Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Incorporated, as below:

**Mission:** APODC promotes and facilitates informed, supportive and cohesive relationships between families and whanau with a deaf child, living in Auckland. We respect the individual choices which families and whanau make on behalf of their children, and seek not to impose any particular perspective.

**Membership Fees:** Membership is annual, and renewal of membership is dependent on the payment of a fee set by the Committee each year.

### **Membership Benefits:**

**Full Members:** The APODC Constitution states that its resources are to be used for the benefit of families of deaf children. Full Member benefits include, free entry to most events, access to the APODC Scholarship, DCNZ sponsorship and grants. Adult Full Members are eligible to serve as an Officer on the Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer).

**Full and Associate Members:** will have access to, monthly newsletters, Annual General and Special Meetings, and reduced admission rates (where applicable), at APODC events. They are also eligible to put themselves forward for Committee nomination (up to 20% of the Committee, maximum of 2, can be Associate Members).

**Associate Member organisations** are eligible to a maximum of 2 representative places at each event, at the reduced Associate rate, or for free when this applies.