



2026 Membership Conference Report

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As at June 2026, total membership stands at 2,268, compared to 2,839 at the same time in 2025. This represents a decrease of 574 members overall.

The breakdown by State is as follows:

State	2025	2026
NSW	688	527
NT	175	145
QLD	1,503	1,196
SA	141	134
TAS	14	12
WA	318	254

All States have experienced a decline, with the most significant reductions observed in Queensland and New South Wales.

The introduction of rolling memberships appears to be working well, with minimal queries being received from members. It is also unclear whether the reduction in membership numbers may be in part to members not completing renewal due to misunderstanding or overlooking email instructions.

We have 10 School and Corporate Memberships however in NSW there has been several schools join the NSW/VIC Lones Branch through their Boarding or Registrar email. I think that there is an opportunity for a targeted membership drive, particularly following the Federal Conference, aimed at engaging attendees, schools, and corporate organisations.

Manual memberships continue to require prompt handling. It is essential that these are forwarded and processed as quickly as possible. Delays can result in members missing communications, including publications and email updates, and in some cases being removed from distribution lists if renewals are not recorded in time.

The revised Life Membership fee structure, a one-off payment of \$300, is operating effectively. Branches and States are reminded to notify the Federal Membership Officer when Life Memberships are awarded. This ensures records are updated accurately and prevents Life Members from continuing to receive renewal notices. This also extends to any changes States are aware of that requires updating the Database including members who have received Order of Australia Medals and members who have sadly passed away.

Returns of Pedals publications are decreasing, which is encouraging. When returns do occur, directly contacting members and asking them to update their details via the website has proven to be a good solution. The Tech Team continues to work closely with Mark to address ongoing issues relating to residential and postal address handling within the membership database.



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Several States have recently experienced changes in Executive positions. I would like to extend a warm welcome to new Membership Officers and thank all those who contribute their time and effort to these roles.

It has been a pleasure working alongside the Tech Team, whose knowledge and support in managing the database and membership systems are invaluable. A special thank you to Judy Purvis (Newton) for her diligence, commitment, and ongoing support to the Membership role and State Executives.

As always, I am available to meet with State Councils to provide support, answer questions, and assist with any membership-related matters.