



MELBOURNE WOMEN'S FUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who are Melbourne Women's Fund members?

Our members are individuals of all ages and from diverse backgrounds who want to participate in a group whose mission is to improve the lives of Melbourne women and their families. We welcome new members at any time.

Do I need to live in Melbourne to be a member?

No, we welcome anyone 18 years old and older who wishes to support our mission.

Do potential members need to be "invited" to join?

Absolutely not. Membership is open to anyone interested in philanthropy. [Join online today.](#)

When can I join?

Anytime! We welcome new membership sign ups throughout the year.

What is my commitment?

When you join Melbourne Women's Fund, you can tailor your involvement based on your time and interests. At a minimum, we ask that you make your annual contribution (your membership fee) each year and cast your vote for Melbourne Women's Fund Annual Grant Awards. We encourage you to continue your membership for at least three years to help you experience all the benefits of membership and help us grow to be a sustainable organisation.

How much of my annual contribution is tax-deductible?

The \$1,000 component is tax-deductible. The remaining \$132 is not a donation but an administration fee contribution that includes GST. For NextGen members, the \$500 component is tax-deductible. The remaining \$65 is not a donation but an administration fee contribution that includes GST.

How is my contribution used?

Your \$1,000 (or \$500 for NextGen members) donation will be added to the pool of funds available for our grant making. This is the methodology of a collective giving circle.

What does my administration fee pay for?

Your administration contribution goes towards covering the costs of LMCF financial and membership management, digital platform costs, printing and postage.

What payment method may I use?

You may pay by cheque, or online with a credit card, by visiting the [MWF page](#) at the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation website. See detailed information about payment options on the ['Become a member or renew your membership'](#) page on this website. All member's contributions are managed by LMCF.

When do I renew?

We will mail or email your renewal forms and reminders when your next 12 month period is due.



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Can I suggest a potential project to be considered for a Melbourne Women's Fund grant?

Yes. Members are encouraged to bring projects and Not-for-Profit organisations operating in the Melbourne Metropolitan area to the attention of the Grants Committee by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, members have the opportunity to suggest organisations or projects through our Member Survey conducted annually in August/September.

May I donate more than just the Membership contribution to Melbourne Women's Fund?

Yes of course. Members can donate in two ways - either to the main Melbourne Women's Fund as a member, or to our Endowment Fund which is called Melbourne Women's Fund 2 (Charitable Fund Account). Both donations are made through the [Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation website](#) or via mail to our address:
Suite 205, 122 Toorak Road, South Yarra, VIC 3141.

However, please be aware that, as a democratic organisation, each member receives only one vote for Melbourne Women's Fund Grant Awards regardless of the total funds you choose to contribute. As we say: "One person, one vote means equal influence!"

What is the purpose of Melbourne Women's Fund 2 - your Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund was set up to enable members and friends of Melbourne Women's Fund to make a donation to help support sustainability and operations of the Fund for years to come. The Endowment Fund's capital corpus will be set aside in perpetuity, and a portion of the fund's annual investment return will be released to Melbourne Women's Fund each year. **To make an additional donation to the Melbourne Women's Fund Endowment Fund, click the button below.**

Is there a way for a member to share information with the rest of the membership?

Yes. The Fund's Facebook page and Twitter feed will allow members to share information about our community and philanthropy with others. (See the links on the right side of the header on this site.)

Can I sign up to follow activities for a while without paying the full amount to become a member?

Yes, you can register to receive our e-newsletters by sending an email to info@melbournewomensfund.org. Our events will include members and their guests so you can get to know us better!