



Important information about proposed constitutional changes

At the AGM on 22 November 2022, members will be asked to vote on changes to the Foundation's constitution to give effect to the proposed merger with the Hospital Research Foundation Group. Information about the merger has been provided to members during the consultation process and is available at our website: <https://arthritissa.org.au/arthritiss-seeking-members-views-on-a-proposal-to-join-the-hospital-research-foundation/>

The principal amendments to the constitution involve changes to the membership structure of the Foundation. If approved, The Hospital Research Foundation Group will become the sole member of the Foundation. Existing members of the Foundation will cease to be members, and thereafter be recognised as "associates" of the Foundation.

There are further consequential amendments to the constitution to give effect to the changed governance structure, including in relation to elections to the board and the conduct general meetings. The THRF Group has also requested certain stylistic changes to, for example, the offices of President (which will become Chairperson) and Vice President (which will become Deputy Chairperson) to conform with titles utilised within the THRF Group and the charities it manages.

Critically, there is no change to the objects of the Foundation in clause 4, nor to the principles governing the conduct of the Foundation in clause 5.

A full copy of the current constitution and a version showing the changes to be made are available for inspection by members at the Foundation's offices and on our website at: <https://arthritissa.org.au/arthritiss-seeking-members-views-on-a-proposal-to-join-the-hospital-research-foundation/>

If you would like a copy of the proposed amended constitution, please contact our office during business hours on (08) 8379 5711.