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# MEMBERSHIP PACK: JOINING THE AUSTRALIAN HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVE LTD



Annual ecological monitoring



Events – education and support



Grazing animals regenerating land

## Joining the AHMC

No matter what tools or practices you use to improve your landscape, grow healthy produce, or create a thriving family farm, the Australian Holistic Management Co-operative can help you at every stage.

Established as a Co-operative in 2018, the AHMC is owned and controlled by its members. It is one of fifty international Savory Hubs, and provides members with support, mentoring, monitoring and market access. Members can opt-in to do annual ecological monitoring, and if their landscape function improves they obtain Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV), and can apply for Land to Market branding.

#### **FULL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Information	Newsletter Social Media Promotion (Opt-in) Industry News Campaigns	All Complementary
One-on-one Mentoring	Book a call with a Holistic Management Educator	Complementary
Monthly Webinars	Monitoring Action Plans – for EOV improvement.  Regional Check-ins – regional context, industry and Land to Market clusters.	Complementary Complementary
Face to Face Planning Workshops	March, April, May 2025: Four 2-day Regional Grazing & Financial Planning Workshops – facilitated by Holistic Management educators.  April 2025: 2-day Regional Planning workshops, F2F, facilitated by Holistic Management educators. non-growing/growing season & annual financial plan.  October 2025: 2-day Regional Planning workshop, F2F, facilitated by Holistic Management educators. non-growing/growing season plans & financial review.	Members (inc 60% discount): \$100 + GST for 2 days support  Members (inc 60% Discount): \$100 + GST for 2 days support  Held across 8 regions
Services	Ecological Verification (EOV) Monitoring Land to Market Seal and Supply Chains	OPT-IN (inc 10-15% discount): If EOV verified, support for branding application to Land to Market
Rights	Co-op Shares Co-op Voting	Yes (min 3 at \$200 each) Yes (1 vote per member regardless of share total)

#### AUSTRALIAN HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVE DOCUMENTS

See the 2024 Annual Report. Members must agree to be bound by the Rules of AHMC.

#### 1.3A Primary activities of the Co-operative are:

- 1. Facilitate services that support the implementation of Holistic Management.
- 2. Provide services for the ecological monitoring and regeneration of agricultural land.
- 3. Promotion of produce from land where ecological monitoring and regenerative agriculture is taking place, including the development, control and marketing of a recognisable brand.

#### 1.3B In order to establish and maintain active membership of the Co-operative a member must:

- 1. Pay the annual subscription in accordance with rule 3.1A and each financial year,
- 2. Attend or participate in at least 1 event or initiative of the co-operative, or
- 3. Complete a survey issued by the co-operative that includes the collection of information about the variety of products and expected volumes they will produce, or
- 4. Have ecological outcome verification (EOV) conducted on their verifiable land.

#### 2.1 Member Qualifications – To qualify for membership of the Co-operative the applicant:

- 1. genuinely supports the expansion of regenerative agricultural practices with a focus on holistic approaches to improve ecological function in our landscapes,
- 2. gives preferential supply, where reasonably practicable and in the member's interest, to market partners approved by the co-operative, and
- 3. is able to use or contribute to the services of the co-operative.

#### FEE STRUCTURE

Upon joining, members buy shares in the Co-op, pay a one-off admin fee and a pro-rata membership fee. In following years, on a July to June basis, members pay only the membership fee (so joining towards the end of a Financial Year offers an advantage). Members can optionally take part in EOV monitoring.

### Membership Fees

- Membership runs from July to June annually.
- New membership fees are pro-rated to June at \$82.50 per month (inc GST).
- The AHMC is a distributing Co-operative when there is a surplus.
- The minimum share requirement is 3 shares at \$200 each = \$600 (no GST on shares).
- Shareholders only have 1 vote regardless of how many shares are purchased.
- Corporate or Joint members are entitled to only 1 vote, cast by the first named person.

Membership	Annual	Admin	Shares
First Year	\$990 (inc GST) pro rata to end financial year	\$110 (inc GST)	\$600 (no GST)
Annually, July to June	\$990 (inc GST)		

## **EOV Monitoring Fees (Optional)**

Ecological Outcome Verification monitoring is an *opt-in service*. EOV scientifically measures trends over time in the health of farmlands. One day is usually enough time for monitoring unless the property is particularly large. Long-term and short-term monitoring occurs in Year 0 and Year 5, and in Years 1 to 4 only short-term monitoring takes place. If ecological health is *verified to be improving*, members may apply to take part in global Land to Market branding of their products. Should ecological health not improve, the Co-op can offer a wealth of information and experience to help out.

Total monitoring fees depend upon how many sites are required for a property. As a guideline only:

Optional EOV	Long-Term Monitoring	Short-Term Monitoring
Year 0 Baseline	Range \$2400-\$3500 (inc 10% discount)	
Year 1		\$1500 (inc 15% discount)
Year 2		\$1500 (inc 15% discount)
Year 3		\$1500 (inc 15% discount)
Year 4		\$1500 (inc 15% discount)
Year 5	Range \$2400-\$3500 (inc 10% discount)	

# **GO TO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

As AHMC is a Co-operative your membership has to to be approved by the Board, so please allow up to one month for application processing. We collect information to understand the needs of our members so we can tailor further business opportunities. Information is for internal use only and any collated data will be anonymised.