



2018-19 HOPE Co-Op Membership Report

Board: 9 voting members including 5 full members, 4 partner members (1 non-voting)

Full members: Only full members can vote for the board, and at General Meetings. To be a full member, a person must:

- have lived experience of seeking asylum,
- be on a BVE/BVA/TPV or SHEV visa
- be a secondary or tertiary student or have completed a secondary or tertiary course in Australia.

Partner members: Partner members are not allowed to vote, or to speak publicly in general meetings, unless they hold a position on the board. They need to:

- have an interest and some experience in cross-cultural organisations
- knowledge of asylum-seeker policy and barriers to education and employment.
- apply and be accepted for partner membership by the board.

- As at November 2019 we have **41 members**, including **30 full members** and **11 partner members**.
- Member participation guidelines aimed at prioritising the voice of our full members:
 - Member dinners and Community dinners:
 - ◆ Member dinners will be held monthly and are for members only. Members can bring one person with them who intends to join as a member and needs to complete application form at the first members dinner they attend.
 - ◆ Community dinners will be held about twice a year, and/or on special occasions as decided by members. They are for members to share HOPE Co-Op's activities and invite people in their wider community.
 - Board meetings: Full members are welcome to attend any board meeting. Partner members can attend on invitation and to address a specific item on a meeting agenda, as invited by the board. Feedback box for ideas - will go to next board meeting.

Member feedback box:

At member and community dinners, and at meetings, there will be a member feedback box, with a pen and paper nearby. Members are welcome to volunteer their feedback, suggestions activity ideas or offer their time-skills-projects. All feedback received in the HOPE Feedback Box will be brought to the next board meeting.

Prepared by Sally Morgan HOPE Co-Op Secretary, November 12th 2019