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## Why Join the Handbell Society (HSA)

Membership of a community dedicated to handbell ringing. Knowledge of bellringing in Australia and New Zealand is minimal. HSA enables you to communicate with others as keen about ringing as you are – and share knowledge, skills and contacts.

### Handbell Herald

HSA publishes a twice yearly Handbell Herald which features

- Articles on various groups in Australasia;
- Bell stories around Australasia;
- Review of educational material;
- Bellringing information from around the world.

Members are encouraged to supply their own material in online versions (or printed).

Group Membership: entitles you to 4 copies of the Herald twice yearly.

Individual Membership entitles you to 1 copy.

### Mentors

Education and skill based training is a major focus of HSA and mentors are available in many area of Australasia to support both beginning and experienced directors.

### Library Resources:

HSA has single copies of music and access to resource book/ booklets.

## School Bellringing Colleagues

Often music teachers or volunteers are “thrust” into taking on the handbell ensemble. HSA has many other teachers which whom you can discuss this experience and work your way through to enjoying the new musical environment. We have dedicated primary and secondary trained educationalists who act as mentors. They also use chimes and handbells in the classroom to assist in reinforcing or ‘making conscious’ musical concepts. Some of them have been workshop presenters at International Handbell Symposia.

### Instrumental Loan Policy

Members can borrow handbells and hand chimes for a period of one calendar year. This is usually a three octave set. However, if you have a set we also lend the fourth and fifth octaves for you to try to assist you in making a decision to purchase additional bells.

If you have handbells only, then you may like to borrow a two octave set of handchimes to hear how these instruments enhance the handbells.

### Financial Loan Policy

HSA lends money to members to purchase new equipment. Often groups, who initially borrow handbells or chimes, go onto purchasing their own sets through the financial loan policy. The loan is paid off over a period of time.

### Formal Training

As well as mentorship, HSA now has formal accredited HSA training to accommodate the needs of educationalists and people who want to extend their skills base. This training consists of two levels and is initially provided by overseas clinicians who are brought to Australasia for that purpose. We offer this training in small groups wherever the interest is expressed.

*Handbell Director Levels 1 and 2*

*Handbell Musician Level 1 and 2*

The Handbell Director consists of a number of modules. In level one of the Handbell Director we explore: Techniques of Ringing; Conducting; Musical Literacy; Setting up and Maintaining a Handbell Ensemble (including planning)

## Australasian and Regional Events

- *Australasian Festivals*: These are open to members (of all experience levels) at a discounted rate. Enjoy networking with others; participating in workshops and massed ringing events; get to know your HSA Board.
- *Regional Seminar/ Workshops*- Educational events for directors and ringers and an opportunity to meet other directors and ringers in your region.
- *Master Classes* – HSA brings the world’s finest clinicians and conductors to Australasia.
- *Youth Events*: HSA has an agreement with the Handbell Ringers of Singapore and it is organising Youth events.
- *Distinctly Australasian Bells* – This is an opportunity for people who wish to play at an advanced level. The inaugural event was held in Adelaide in 2015.
- *Convenors of Special Interest Groups*: HSA has people who are especially interested in particular focus areas: e.g. Chimes, Youth, Education & Training, and Special Needs.

## International Handbell Symposiums

HSA is a member of the International Handbell Committee which consists of United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Australasia. HSA hosted the symposiums in 1994, 2006 and will be the hosts in 2018 in Cairns, North Qld. These symposia are amazing events which offer members the opportunity of establishing networks across the world. You will hear the very besting ringing and participate in master classes. You will also ring with approximately 1000 ringers and experience the highly skilled conducting of conductors from these guilds.

## The Structure of HSA

Membership allows you to influence the direction of HSA. There are representatives for New Zealand and Australian states. We have a range of sub-committees and a strategic plan. We welcome your involvement and want to hear from you.