

FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY

PO Box 1556, SUBIACO, WA 6904

Dear Friends,

January 2016

The growth in membership over the last few years to almost 1100 has been very gratifying. It is an indication that the Friends of the Academy is a thriving organisation, which in turn means that more benefits flow on to the WAAPA students.

Your Committee is committed to keeping all members informed about Friends matters and the events at the Academy. During each year there are four or five mail-outs of items such as the WAAPA calendars, AGM minutes, accounts, membership forms, event notices, etc. **An average mail-out can cost the Friends more than \$600** in printing, stationery and postage, not to mention, considerable time in stuffing letters into 600 envelopes.

TO ENABLE US TO CUT THE COST OF THESE MAIL-OUTS, I AM APPEALING TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS TO OPT FOR ELECTRONIC COPIES OF MAIL FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY.

Beside monetary savings (and trees), there are other benefits of electronic delivery to you:

- certainty of delivery (nothing is lost in the post)
- timely delivery of information of events that come up at short notice, that is too late for surface mail
- Information about events not included in the Academy's yearly calendar (*WAAPA Update and Inside WAAPA*) that may be too numerous to post out.

If you have previously provided us with your email address, please send a short message, including your First Name and Family Name, again to kevin@bellamy.com.au to confirm your current electronic address.

If you have not provided an email address before, please consider this option.

If you've provided a HOTMAIL or YAHOO address, please note that sometimes we're unable to send notices to you because the graphics in the event flyers we receive make the files larger than the mailbox in these free services can accept and consequently, the mail is returned. If you have an address other than Hotmail or Yahoo, kindly email it to me.

Please be assured that it is part of the Friends Privacy Policy not to provide our members' email addresses to any third party, not even WAAPA. Paper copies of important communications will still be mailed out to members without Internet access or to those who do not wish to receive electronic versions but we urge you to help us to cut costs and provide additional funding for WAAPA students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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Chairman, Friends of the Academy