

Food Resilience Network
Membership Policy

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Society Membership

1 The Food Resilience Network's (FRN) Constitution requires that a Membership Policy be adopted, for the purposes of stating membership fees relating to the different categories of membership available.

2 The categories of membership are listed in the FRN Constitution, namely:

Individuals

Community groups

Government agencies

Businesses

3 The method of becoming a member is also set out in the FRN Constitution, namely:

Complete an application form

Pay applicable Membership fee as set out in the Membership Policy

Supply any other information the Committee requires.

4 The membership forms adopted by the FRN Committee establish a link between membership and the Edible Canterbury Charter. That is, members must agree to the principles of the Charter. This membership form may be updated from time to time by the FRN Committee. However, any such review will not include a review of the fees or membership structure, which is covered in Clause 10 below.

5 The FRN Committee will maintain a membership database that pertains to Clauses 1-4 above.

5.1 This membership gives members the ability to vote at General Meetings and to be elected to the FRN Committee.

5.2 This membership will be referred to as the FRN Society Membership.

6 The FRN Society membership structure is as set out in Clause 2. The fee structure is as follows

Individuals (waged): \$15

Individuals (unwaged): \$5

Community groups: koha

Government agencies \$400

Businesses (under 5 staff): \$40

Businesses (5 or more staff): \$400

Friends of Edible Canterbury

7 The FRN Committee will also maintain a database for a wider base of supporters,

7.1 This will be referred to as Friends of Edible Canterbury membership.

7.2 Friends of Edible Canterbury have access to a range of benefits (see Clause 11), however, they do not have voting rights at FRN Special General Meetings and are not eligible to join the FRN Committee (unless they are also Society Members).

8 To become a Friend of Edible Canterbury, individuals or organisations must complete a and pay a fee. The forms adopted by the FRN Committee establish a link between membership and the Edible Canterbury Charter. That is, Friends of Edible Canterbury must agree to the principles of the Charter. This form may be updated from time to time by the FRN Committee. However, any such review will not include a review of the fees or membership structure, which is covered in Clause 12 below.

9 The FRN Committee will maintain a database of Friends that pertains to Clauses 7-8 above.

10 The Friends of Edible Canterbury supporter fees for joining are as follows:

Individuals (waged): \$10

Individuals (unwaged): \$5

Families: \$15

Community groups and schools: koha

Businesses (under 5 staff): \$30

Government agencies: \$100

Businesses (5 or more staff): \$100

11 Becoming a Friend of Edible Canterbury gives people and organisations the following benefits:

11.1 Individuals

Networking

Information sharing through regular email newsletters and or social media updates.

11.2 Families

Networking

Information sharing through regular email newsletters

11.3 Community Groups and Schools

- One key contact organization to deal with.

- Profile raising of the issue, and all the organisations involved.
- Enabling and empowering (policy and practice).
- Making work streams more relevant to where younger generation is at
 - Survival. An opportunity for reinvention?
 - Contributing to something worthwhile.
- Food resilience is an outcome and benefit.
- Knowledge transfer opportunity
- Membership gathering opportunity.
- Driving force, sense of purpose, strong platform, life force. Impact.
- The work we are doing has to be done by the community – this makes it possible.

11.4 Businesses (under 20 staff)

- brand is still to come, but this is a place where a benefit could arise.
- Will give credibility
- Association that may lead to customers, partnerships, support in kind, volunteers.
- Casting the net wider.
- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) – a way to demonstrate this.
- This can also benefit FRN.
- Staff engagement and values.
- Customer values and brand.

11.5 Government agencies

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11.6 Businesses (20 or more staff)

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11.7 Additional benefits

- All categories of members will be kept up to date with organizational developments through a regular communication (eg email newsletter)
- The FRN will work to secure sponsorship deals from supportive businesses and organisations that can be passed back to members – for example discount vouchers

12 This policy will be reviewed annually by the FRN Committee.