



Membership of the Queensland Arboricultural Association Inc. (QAA)

By joining and supporting the QAA, you are entitled to a wide range of benefits that we provide for to our membership, these include the following:

- Starting with your advertising, you can obtain an electronic copy of the **QAA logo** for you to use our logo on your business cards, newspaper adverts & in the phone book. We will also send you two QAA stickers, which are great to put on your equipment e.g. Trucks, chippers and any other equipment that is going to catch the public's eye. As we all know when you are a member of an association you look more professional & your work is to a standard that should always stand out from the rest. The use of the QAA logo is only to be used to show that you are a current member of the Queensland Arboricultural Association and not for any other purpose.
- Members are able to attend the QAA's **annual general meeting (AGM)**, meet the executive committee and vote on various matters affecting the association and our industry.
- To help with your identity as a member we are currently working to supply members with a **personalised membership card** which will also entitle you to **discounts from participating major suppliers of arborists' equipment.**
- An annual subscription to the **Arbor Age magazine**, which is a bi-monthly arboricultural industry publication that features industry news including updates on OH&S issues, numerous articles on improved and safer working methods, machinery and equipment features, events, equipment and businesses for sale, employment opportunities and trade services. This informative magazine automatically rolls over into every subsequent year that you are a member.
- Due to member numbers, the QAA are able to negotiate very competitive rates for **Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Equipment Insurance.** This saving often means that your membership fee is not an extra cost. The QAA times its membership and insurance renewals before the end of the tax year which means you can achieve further savings by offsetting these business expenses against your income tax liability soon after they are incurred.
- **Combining the cost** of the discounted Insurance products, suppliers discounts, subscription to the *Arbor Age* and the effect of the tax liability deduction means that your membership fee is often fully recovered with some **\$\$\$ left over.**
- During the year we also hold a number of **accredited training and other specialist workshops** which cover a wide range of subjects and are advertised over the year with mail outs direct to our membership. All training and workshops are discounted for members.

- One of the main attractions for the year would have to be our **climbing competitions** held in different areas over South-East and Far North Queensland combined with exhibits from the arboricultural industry. This draws a number of competitors and also a keen following of spectators. As well as a great opportunity to see new equipment and techniques in use.
- **Arbor Camp** is the QAA's main annual event run and organised by the QAA. The camp runs for 4 days in the spring of each year. The camp is set up for individuals and their families to meet and network with other professional members of the arboricultural industry in order to facilitate training opportunities, safe working practices and to see the demonstrations of the latest equipment and developments within the industry. Arbor Camp caters for the whole family and offers extensive outdoor programmes to enhance the experience for the participant's of this unique and highly successful annual event.
- Members also have access to our **extensive website** which has information for both our members and also the public, regarding dates of events, membership applications, buy and sell page, useful links to allied organizations, employment, and industry news including a list of the QAA's achievements.
- The QAA have a signed memorandum of understanding with the Arboricultural Association (AA) in the UK which amongst other things, entitles members of the QAA to **significantly discounted membership of the UK Arboricultural Association**.

The support of our members means that the QAA can continue to develop and provide **additional benefits** to our members and our industry. One of a number of ways in which we do this is to make representation on behalf of the tree industry to government bodies for support with health and safety, training, education, reasearch and development although, it is always difficult to do this on an ongoing basis with limited resources.

Nevertheless, the QAA is committed to our industry and constantly strives to make it better, improve the value of QAA membership, and maintain the tree amenity and beauty of Queensland.

The QAA is the second largest Arboricultural Association in Australia and we actively encourage all those that care about trees and the tree industry to join Queensland's arboricultural industry lead body to make it better and stronger for the benefit of all.