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Dear Occupational Therapy students,

Thank you for visiting our new website and considering joining your professional association.

It has been an exciting year of new developments for members of OT AUSTRALIA WA. Many of these benefits have been driven by member enquiries, and your Committee of Management is very excited to be able to offer more tangible benefits for our members. There are many new initiatives outlined in the list below:

### **Member Benefits for Membership to OT AUSTRALIA WA**

- Free access to OT AUSTRALIA WA's Continuing Professional Development programme through the web site accepted for your Audit Practice Log by the OT Registration Board of WA
- Free access to ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Journals and database via the Members Only section of the OT AUSTRALIA WA website
- Significantly discounted rates for WA Professional Development courses, workshops and seminars, OT Week events and State Conferences (minimum 30% discount for members)
- Corporate rates for HBF Private Health Insurance and other products (more information at <http://www.hbf.com.au/CorporateHealth/OTAWA/index.html>)
- Members only discounted Professional Indemnity Insurance, Public and Product Liability Insurance with Guild Insurance ([www.guildgroup.com.au](http://www.guildgroup.com.au))
- Free Monthly OT AUSTRALIA WA Newsletter keeping you up to date with professional events
- Free or discounted entry to all Affiliated Interest Group Meetings
- 10% Discount to Developmental Occupational Therapy (DOT) membership and 10% discount to all DOT run professional development events ([www.dotwa.org.au](http://www.dotwa.org.au))
- Advocacy and lobbying from your Professional Association on your behalf e.g. WorkCover rates, National Registration, liaison with OT Schools and OT Registration Board, lobbying to overturn the Better Access to Mental Health budget cuts
- Website "Job Advertisements" service for Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Support Staff
- Networking and marketing opportunities
- Access to Association library and office facilities
- OT AUSTRALIA WA website information and services
- Eligibility for prizes and awards
- Eligibility to stand for election on WA committees
- Instalment plan for membership fees
- OT AUSTRALIA WA, Committee of Management working for you and the profession.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR STUDENT MEMBERS**

*Student membership for 2012:*

- 1. 1st Year students (undergraduate and Master of OT) are eligible for FREE OT AUSTRALIA WA membership.*
- 2. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Year students (undergraduate and Master of OT) entitles students to all applicable benefits of an OT AUSTRALIA WA Only membership – (see previous page for list)*

**PLEASE NOTE: EARLY BIRD payments for all students are due by 25th February 2012**

The Committee of Management would like to thank all of you who were members in 2011 and encourage all of you to become members of your association, OT AUSTRALIA WA, in 2012. All the Committee of Management positions are voluntary, so your membership fees go toward continually increasing services for our members.

We look forward to your involvement in the Occupational Therapy profession in future years, and wish you every success with your career.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Committee of Management  
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