



# Wikimedia Australia

Chapters meeting  
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# History

- January 2006: First discussion on meta
- March 2008: Recognised by WMF
- August 2008: Recognised by Australian govt department
- January 2009: First AGM (first elected committee)
  
- Current membership: ~50
- Membership fees: AU\$40/year, \$20 students
- Budget?: AUD 1.5k ( $\approx$  770€)

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# Hot & Not...

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- Contacts in museums, education, open source
- WP on highschool courses
- Govt's starting to like CC
- Widespread awareness of WP - huge public goodwill
- Digitally engaged society
- Increasing awareness of Chapter through media, conferences, contacts.

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- No tax-deductible status
- No income stream
- No member 'benefits'?
- Institutions have restrictive culture
- Potential gov't censorship
- Not organised enough to take advantage of all our opportunities!!

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# Plans

## 2009:

- Hold national "WikiConf" + Wikipedia Academy
- Establish WMAU in media, cultural institutions' consciousness
- Retain overall membership number
- WMF agreements on licensing and fundraising
- Create: merchandise, policies, blog, board manual, subcommittees...

## 3 YEARS:

- Financial sustainability
- ???

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# Expectations

1. Chapter-selected candidates for WMF Board decided & process approved
2. Chapter licensing of logos clarified and fundraising agreement finalised

## Brianna

1. Learn best-practices for 'managing members'
2. Learn best-practices for non-profit policies & governance

## Liam

1. Learn best-practices for dealing with cultural institutions
2. Corporate members & receiving payment for Wiki-services

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