



# Bega Valley Business Forum Membership Prospectus



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A photo from the Bega Valley Business awards run by the Bega Valley Business Forum



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## Introduction

Welcome

We are excited to welcome new members to the Bega Valley Business Forum for the first time in over 20 years. In 2023 our committee passed a motion to open membership to any individuals, businesses, corporations or incorporated associations with similar objectives to the BVBF.



This means now that other local organisations can receive the benefits of being part of a regional body. The new affiliate membership class also means that larger companies and organisations that want to be connected to Chambers at a regional level can now join.

The Bega Valley Business Forum has been a strong voice for business for over 20 years and these changes will enable us to remain strong for the next 20 years.

### **Why join? For our double, triple A rating:**

- **Advocacy** - we are stronger together speaking as a peak local body
- **Action** - a proven track record in delivering for our community
- **Area** - we are focussed on the region as a whole
- **Association** – we help build networks with all stakeholders
- **Advertise** – we advertise and promote the area is a great place to do business

Please find more details about the BVBF and our membership opportunities enclosed.

We look forward to welcoming you soon

Nigel Ayling  
President



## About the Bega Valley Business Forum

- ✓ The Bega Valley Business Forum (BVBF) was first incorporated in 2000 to bring together the local chambers of commerce in the Bega Valley
- ✓ The BVBF is the only regional body representing businesses in the Bega Valley
- ✓ The BVBF has successfully managed over \$400,000 in grant funding between 2020 and 2023
- ✓ The BVBF undertook a Governance review in 2022 and implemented a number of changes as a result including updating its constitution
- ✓ The BVBF held a regional summit in 2022 bringing all local stakeholders together to come up with a list of priorities to focus on
- ✓ In 2023 the BVBF held a workshop to develop a strategic plan moving forward
- ✓ Membership is now open to any individual, business, corporation or incorporated associations with similar objectives to the BVBF including
- ✓ The BVBF has strong links with all levels of Government and is well respected
- ✓ The BVBF has been a strong voice for business for over 20 years and over the past few years has overhauled and improved its processes. These changes will enable us to remain strong for the next 20 years



From the Bega Valley Regional Summit 2022

## Types of Membership

### Full Members

Full Members: A full member is a person who is a representative of a Chambers of Commerce with the Bega Valley LGA.

#### Chambers who are full Members



## Affiliate Member

Affiliate Member: An affiliate member is a person who represents any organisation other than a Chamber of Commerce with similar objectives to the BVBF including individuals, businesses, corporations or incorporated associations .

- Who is eligible? Any person who represents any organisation other than a Chamber of Commerce with similar objectives to the BVBF including individuals, businesses, corporations or incorporated associations .
- Voting rights - Affiliated members shall not be entitled to vote.
- Committee – Affiliate members are not able to nominate and stand for committee (board) positions
- Benefits to affiliate members.
  - They can be part of a regional organization that represents business
  - They can have access to make presentations to the Forum about things of regional significance
  - They can reach out to individual chambers to discuss local issues
  - They receive recognition on our website
  - They can communicate through the forum to chambers and businesses
  - They can attend meetings as observers and contribute but not vote
- Affiliate Membership Fees
  - Individual Members - \$50 per annum
  - Small Organisations or Businesses with less than 50 members or employees - \$250
  - Medium Organisations or Businesses with 50 -100 members or employees - \$500
  - Large Organisations or Businesses with over 100 members or employees - \$1500
  - Large Corporations – Starting from \$2500

## Honorary Member

Honorary Member: Any person may for services rendered to the association or any person whether or not otherwise eligible for membership and for special reasons considered in the absolute discretion of the committee to be sufficient to be appointed an honorary member of the Association for life or any lesser period.

# Affiliate Membership Application

Individuals (Members) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation or Company Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What skill set do you bring: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you believe you can contribute to the forum? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Class:  Affiliate Member

**\* Please attach a letter from your organisations that nominates you as their representative for the term of your membership.**

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I hereby submit my application to become a member of the Bega Valley Business Forum for consideration. I understand that my application needs to be approved by the Committee at its next meeting and until such time my application will not be approved. I agree to abide all rules and regulations as set out in the Bega Valley Business Forums constitution.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

End Date: 30 June \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

