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## Our Future

Dear Member,

The thoughts, suggestions and concerns expressed by many members of both Societies in response to Communique 1 have provided valuable feedback, for which we thank you. To those who offered help with the many tasks if amalgamation proceeds, we thank you.

Discussion Paper 2 expands on the topics of this Communique. It is available on the “Our Future” webpage at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/ourfuture>

Links to relevant legislation and government sites can also be found on that page.

### **Accommodation**

The issue of new premises was raised by many. Being especially mindful of how important the location of new premises is to members, the Amalgamation Sub-Committee will continue to provide updates on this issue.

Regarding location, feedback from members of both Societies indicates agreement on—

- Within 8 km of city centre
- Recognising needs of members living both north and south of the river
- Easily accessed by public transport
- Easily accessed by car, with provision of ample parking

We have identified and itemised our combined needs and a number of options have already been explored.

We continue to seek government assistance to secure suitable premises with minimal rental on a long-term lease. Ms Corrine McMillan, Member for Mansfield, and Mr Timothy Mander, Member for Everton, are actively interacting with relevant Ministers and Departments on our behalf, to find any suitable space.

### Partnering with others

Several members suggested other organisations that we could partner with, or reach out to, for assistance and support. We support and are exploring this concept with like-minded others in various ways.

### Membership fees

Membership fees would not increase due to the amalgamation process.

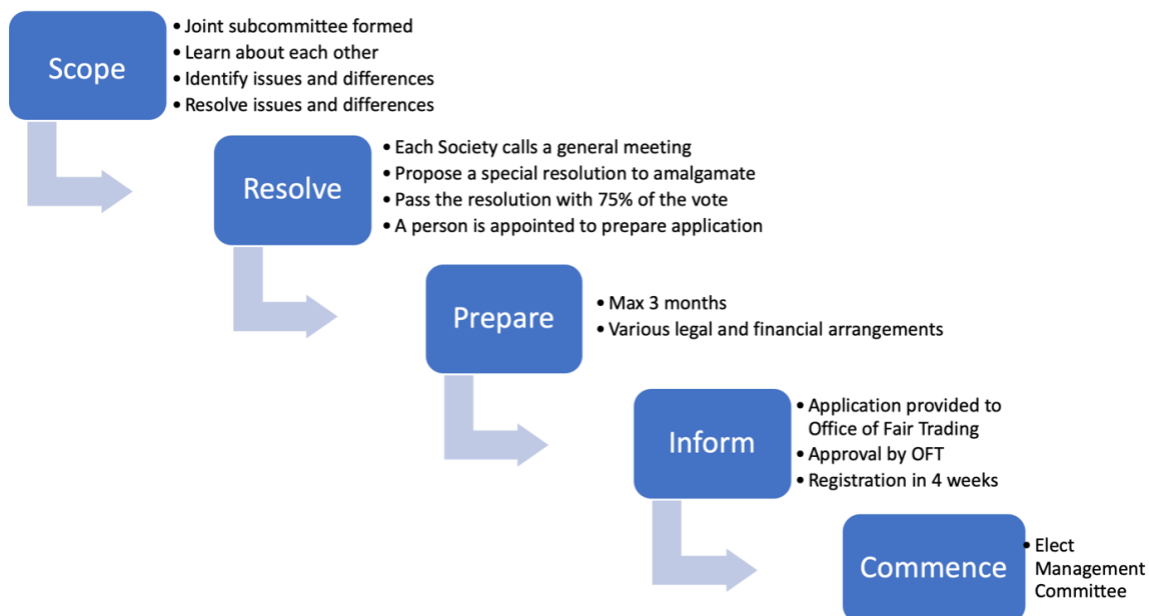
Reimbursement arrangements would be made in instances of dual payments for a significant period beyond amalgamation or, similarly, where a membership is discontinued as a result of amalgamation.

### Bringing the Societies together

Creation of opportunities for members to attend and perhaps participate in activities of each Society is already underway. You will start to see representatives of each Society at each other's events while joint working parties will be formed to address any common issues.

### The amalgamation process

The main steps to amalgamation are shown in the diagram below.



Amalgamation is not yet agreed. The Amalgamation Sub-Committee will continue to scope potential amalgamation under the direction of the two Society Management Committees.

This is a challenging and time-consuming process, in which the two Societies are equal partners and working together towards a potentially more resilient organisation.

These Communiques will regularly inform and update you on progress.

**Have your say**

Once again, your input is welcomed. Ensure your feedback is included in the process by sending it in the next week by post, or by emailing [ourfuture@qfhs.org.au](mailto:ourfuture@qfhs.org.au)

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely

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