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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Type of membership (please tick):

Primary member Family

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Do you want your details in contact list? Y or N

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Bladder

Exstrophy,

Epispadias,

Cloacal Exstrophy,

Hypospadias

*Australian
Community*

Our aims and objectives

BEECHAC Inc is an Australian association incorporated in NSW and formed in May 2008 by concerned families to increase support, care and communication for members involved with the BEECHAC conditions.

We aim to:

1. provide a supportive Australian community for people with Bladder Extrophy, Epispadias, Cloacal Extrophy and Hypospadias and their family and friends
2. collaborate with health care professionals to improve the care & treatment for our members
3. generate public awareness of the BEECHAC conditions, including in educational & employment settings



Our objectives are to provide:

A website with regular updates and information about frequently asked questions, latest techniques and procedures, resource information, chat lines, & links to similar organizations in Australia & overseas

A quarterly newsletter via the website & also available in hard copy to be posted with updates related to each state & territory

Conferences within Australia and support for members to attend conferences overseas

Emotional and financial support for members to travel for operations, consultations and procedures as well as to conferences and for gun get-togethers

Research in collaboration with universities and research institutions about the BEECHAC conditions & new developments in surgery

We advocate for:

- **Public awareness** of the BEECHAC conditions
- **Support** not just for medical procedures but also for social, psychological and sexual needs
- **A team approach** in medicine
- **Acknowledgement** that the person with the disability must be seen as a whole-of-life patient
- **Standards in medicine** that provide a single specialist for life rather than a paediatrician or paediatric urologist in childhood then a urologist in adulthood who may not have expertise in this area
- **Sharing** of medical knowledge among physicians nationally and internationally
- **Resources** to ensure quality care
- **A treatment regime** for Australians that doesn't rely on doctors overseas to perform necessary operations



The BEECHAC conditions are all congenital birth defects that can, to a lesser or greater extent, affect:

- *the bladder*
- *the urethra*
- *the genitals*
- *and the pelvis*

Children often undergo numerous repair operations to rectify these conditions and to minimize the risks of urinary tract and kidney infection.

Find out more on our website about:

- *what each condition involves*
- *the incidence per population for males and females of each condition*

