

MEMBERS RIGHTS

All members have the right to:

- (a) be represented by a Committee member;
- (b) address the full Committee;
- (c) convince any two Committee members to call a Special Meeting to discuss any issue within 30 days;
- (d) speak at any Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

Members are encouraged to discover the full powers of members and Association by reading the Constitution. Members are also encouraged to read the Committee Minutes which are available at General Meetings.

AOA RULES

1. Activities are for participants 18 years and over.
2. Those who withdraw from activities without advising the Trip Leader or without reasonable excuse will be recorded. No money will be refunded on excursions, and repeated discourtesies may result in suspension or expulsion from AOA.
3. The Trip Leader may prevent any person from coming on an activity if that person is not safely or adequately equipped, clothed, shod, appears unfit or is of difficult disposition.
4. The only way to reserve a place on an activity is by payment of the full amount. First paid, first place.
5. No pets and no littering are allowed on activities. As a general rule, alcohol will be not be tolerated, but this rule may be relaxed at the Trip Leader's discretion in situations where safety will not be compromised.
6. Although AOA promotes the maximum possible safety, all members participate at their own risk and are advised to be their own insurers.
7. If the Trip Leader does not arrive at the departure point, on no account proceed on your own. Contact the Trips Co-ordinator or Secretary for further information.

GENERAL RULES

Visitors are welcome. Certain activities (eg bushwalks and cycle trips) are provided at token cost to members and non-members. It is expected after participation in three trips that non-members will apply for membership.

All activities require a reasonable level of fitness. A walk may be deemed easy but it is only easy if you are fit. If you smoke, eat junk food or do little exercise you will find most activities difficult. If you have any doubts, try an easier activity first.

Most activities are reached by car and passengers are carried at their own risk. It is suggested that fuel costs be shared by all passengers.

Charges for day trips such as bushwalks and cycle trips are payable to the Trip Leader on location. All other trips must be paid for in advance. Some expensive long-range excursions may require a deposit or full payment many months before. Don't be put off by booking deadlines, you may be lucky.

Please send changes of address, lost property, comments or criticisms to the Secretary. Complaints will be received in the strictest of confidence.

All suggestions for activities, repeat activities, improvements etc are welcome.

SPECIAL BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following special booking conditions apply:

1. Failure to pay the full amount at least two weeks prior to the activity will result in the re-allocation of your position to another person.
2. Refunds will only be considered where ample prior notice of intent to withdraw has been given and a replacement found or in extenuating circumstances.

These conditions have been put in place to help prevent club activities from being ruined by the unexpected and late withdrawals of members.