

ACTION INSIGHT is the official journal of Action Outdoors Association (Inc). **The objectives of the Association are:**

1. To provide a variety of active outdoor pursuits e.g. bushwalking, cycling, kayaking, mountain biking
2. To foster camaraderie amongst those interested in the above
3. To encourage interest in the environment, its flora and fauna
4. To educate and encourage members in outdoor skills and leadership
5. To promote all acts conducive to the above. e.g. fitness programs, first aid courses etc.
6. To hold a basic stock of equipment for the use of members.

MEMBERS RIGHTS

All members have the right to:

1. be represented by a Committee Member
2. address the full Committee
3. convince any two Committee Members to call a Special Meeting to discuss any issue within 30 days
4. speak at any Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting

Members are encouraged to discover the full powers of members and the 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 the 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 ,no littering and no smoking on activities. As a general rule, alcohol will 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 are members to proceed on their own. Contact the Trips Coordinator or Secretary for further information.
8. All participants are required to provide details of next of kin to be contacted in case of an emergency before each trip. Details should be recorded on the trip form provided by the Trip Leader.

GENERAL RULES

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

All activities require a modicum of fitness. A walk may be deemed easy but it is only easy if you are fit. If you smoke, eat junk food , are obese or do little exercise you will find most activities difficult. If in any doubt, 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 in advance. 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.