

8.1 - SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scout Fellowship is to provide service to the Scout Association in the Australian Capital Territory and the community in general and to provide for the mutual fellowship of the members.

STRUCTURE

The Scout Fellowship ("the Fellowship") is a formation of the Scout Association.

The Fellowship may have a chairperson and other officer bearers as appropriate, who together will form the Fellowship Executive. The Chief Commissioner and the ACT Commissioner responsible for the Fellowship will be ex-officio members. Election of office bearers shall take place annually in November. The position of chairperson may only be held by the same person for a maximum of two consecutive terms of one year each, but for the continuity of the Fellowship may hold a position of Immediate Past Chairperson for a further one year and be a member of the Executive.

The Fellowship will be responsible to an ACT Commissioner appointed by the Chief Commissioner.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to persons over 18 years of age who are prepared to adhere to

- the Aim of the Association
- the Principles of the Association as encapsulated in the Scout Promise
- the Policies of the Association
- the Code of Conduct for adults in the Association, and
- the Rules of the Association

Membership is also open to Reserve Leaders, appointed Leaders and registered Rovers.

Appointment to the Scout Fellowship will require the completion of the appropriate application forms before being submitted to the Appointments Committee of the Branch Executive Committee. Members will be appointed as "Member of the Scout Fellowship".

Members will receive a Certificate of Appointment which expires on 31st December each year. Membership is renewable annually on the recommendation of the Fellowship Executive and payment of the appropriate fees.

To retain appointment a commitment of significant participation, is required, (at least 5 Fellowship meetings or activities per year).

FINANCES

Members must pay the prescribed annual Fellowship fee in addition to the annual Branch registration fee, common to all members of the Association. The annual Fellowship fee shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship, but if circumstances warrant, may be changed with the Fellowship Membership consent, at a General Meeting following one month's notice of intention to move to change the annual fee.

All fees will be payable to the Fellowship Treasurer, for forwarding to ACT Branch Headquarters where appropriate. Finances will be controlled by the Fellowship Executive.

UNIFORM

Uniform is optional. When worn, together with the Fellowship scarf, it will comply with Policy and Rules. The Fellowship badge will be worn on the right pocket.

REGISTRATION

The Fellowship is to be included in the Branch Annual Census.

ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship may undertake any activities consistent with its purpose and the principles of the Scout Association.

Separate groups (which may have overlapping membership) may be set up within the Fellowship to advance the special interests of members and facilitate their activities, e.g. security, catering, bushwalking, general service, technical interests, etc.

As a registered Section of the Branch, the Fellowship can liaise with all other Sections to ensure fulfilment of the 'Purpose' of the Fellowship.

AUTHORITY

This policy statement was approved by the Branch Executive Committee on 26 June 1991 and amended on 27 July 1994 and 24 April 1996 and 12 February 2003.