

DRAGONS ABREAST AUSTRALIA POLICY REGISTER

POLICY NO. 3/2006 – ACCEPTANCE FOR DAA MEMBERSHIP

APPROVAL BASIS: Approved by National Executive 1 June 2006

Rationale

Dragons Abreast Australia (DAA) is a registered national organisation formed to promote breast cancer awareness and education through activities which, by their media appeal and through the number of participants around Australia are high profile.

Because of this national profile, member groups of DAA have the capacity to attract sponsorship and financial support simply through their affiliation with DAA. The converse of this is that they also, through actions which do not accord with the national policies, have the capacity to impact adversely upon the organization.

DAA has a responsibility to its member bodies as well as its sponsors and supporters to ensure as far as it is possible that they are not adversely affected by the actions of a group which is, or is purporting to be a DAA group, but acts in a manner which is not in accordance with DAA principles.

DAA also has a responsibility to protect its current member groups by ensuring that another group is not established in close proximity which would have a negative impact on the existing group.

For this reason groups wishing to come under the DAA umbrella will be required to undertake a period of interim membership to allow a period to assess levels of support in their local community, attract local members, undertake registration as an incorporated body, and develop their financial position and commitment to DAA principles.

Policy Guidelines

Membership of DAA is available to groups and organizations across Australia which:

- (a) support and promote the ethos of DAA;
- (b) agree to abide by the principles, rules and regulations of the national body;
- (c) have established the financial and regulatory capacity to successfully operate as a DAA member group; and
- (d) will not negatively impact upon an established DAA group.

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Rules

1. Interim membership may be granted by the Executive to a potential group thus allowing it to establish a core membership and undertake the relevant registration if not already an incorporated association or under the umbrella of a parent body.
2. A group given interim membership may be a new entity established for this purpose, or an existing group associated with breast cancer awareness, dragon boating or other activity which would provide a vehicle for such awareness.
3. Formal agreement for membership will only be entered into with an organization which is a registered, legal entity.
4. It should be noted that a member group is not limited to dragon boating but may be engaged in other approved activities that are in line with the ethos of the national organization.
5. Interim membership will be granted until the commencement of the next financial year (1 July) but in most cases will require a minimum of 6 months. At the discretion of the Executive the period of interim membership may be extended or reduced.
6. Before full membership is granted an interim member group must satisfy the Executive that they comply with all DAA Policies.
7. Interim member groups are not entitled to voting rights nor may they use the DAA name and logo without written permission from the National Executive.