

DRAGONS ABREAST AUSTRALIA POLICY REGISTER

POLICY NO. 1/2009 – ASSOCIATE (NON-PADDLING) MEMBERSHIP FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS

APPROVAL BASIS: Approved by National Executive 12 August 2009

Rationale

It is recognised that breast cancer survivors may support the DAA philosophy and wish to be part of the organisation but may not be able, in the short or longer term, for health or other reasons, to participate in dragon boating. However they can still be valued members of the group.

While Dragons Abreast Australia (and its member groups) primarily uses dragon boating as a means of promoting its objective of breast cancer awareness¹, its five specific aims² provide opportunities for a broader range of activities to support those undertaking the breast cancer journey.

Policy

Member groups may provide a non-paddling **Associate** membership through a reduced fee structure on the following basis:

- **Associate** membership is available to Breast Cancer Survivors only
- As with most organisations which provide for a reduced fee structure for other than full members, non-paddling members who have **Associate** membership are unable to vote at meetings and are ineligible to nominate for committee positions. (The option of full membership is available to those members who may not wish to paddle but want the benefits full membership provides.)
- DAA will issue specific ID cards to Associate members which will identify them as non-paddling breast cancer survivors.
- Fees charged to Associate members by member groups should reflect the level of reduced benefits they receive.
- **Associate** members are ineligible to participate in regattas as survivor crew on any DAA team, except on the same conditions which may apply to non-members.
- **Associate** membership provides the benefits of social membership which may, if the member group deems appropriate, include dragon boat based events such as a festive paddle
- Associate members are eligible to subscribe to group emails and information services.

¹ Paragraph 3 – Terms and Conditions of Membership

² Paragraph 13 – Terms and Conditions of Membership