# **Associate Form**

## Caring for God’s Creation - Want to join A Rocha?

You can join A Rocha Australia as an Associate while you are under the age of 18. It’s free and there is no junior age limit. You will not have voting rights but we will let you know of any A Rocha activities that may be happening in your area and will email you with news of A Rocha in Australia.

To apply for Associate membership please email a completed copy of this entire document to [australia@arocha.org](mailto:australia@arocha.org)

The Board of A Rocha Australia will consider your application for membership and you will be advised via email when your application has been accepted.

## Your details

Name:

Suburb & State:

Email:

Birthdate:

## Your privacy

Our Privacy statement: The applicant agrees that the directors, staff and officers of A Rocha Australia may access the information provided in this application for the purposes of A Rocha Australia only. A Rocha Australia respects your privacy and will use its best endeavours to comply with the Privacy Act 1988 as far as reasonably possible. In particular, A Rocha Australia will not publish or forward your details to any third party without your consent.

## About you

Please explain why you are interested in caring for God’s creation:

## Consent

If under 18 please get your parent/guardian to sign.

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Parent/guardian’s signature

## What happens when I turn 18?

You may apply for adult membership. Go to <http://australia.arocha.org/get-involved/membership/>

## About us.

Check out our aims and beliefs below and on our website: <http://australia.arocha.org>

If you (or your parents) want to ask us anything, please do! Email: [australia@arocha.org](mailto:australia@arocha.org)

## Appendix to Membership Form

## A Rocha Australia Objects

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1. Advancement of the Christian faith and understanding of its relevance to creation care;
2. Education of the public by promotion of conservation, and scientific study of ecology and the environment; and
3. Enablement of practical projects in conservation of biodiversity, natural resources and habitats in a community context for the benefit of future generations.

## A Rocha Mission Statement

A Rocha is an international conservation organization working to show God’s love for all creation, committed to environmental action through community-based conservation projects.

## A Rocha Core Commitments

1. **Christian**

Underlying all we do is our biblical faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society.

**2) Conservation**

We carry out research for the conservation and restoration of the natural world and run environmental education programmes for people of all ages.

**3) Community**

Through our commitment to God, each other and the wider creation, we aim to develop good relationships both within the A Rocha family and in our local communities.

**4) Cross-cultural**

We draw on the insights and skills of people from diverse cultures, both locally and around the world.

**5) Cooperation**

We work in partnership with a wide variety of organizations and individuals who share our concerns for a sustainable world.

## A Rocha Basis of Faith

We believe in...

1. The one true God who lives eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. The love, grace and sovereignty of God in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.

3. The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God – fully trustworthy for faith and conduct.

4. The dignity of all people, made male and female in God’s image to love, be holy and care for creation, yet corrupted by sin, which incurs divine wrath and judgement.

5. The incarnation of God’s eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ – born of the Virgin Mary, truly divine and truly human, yet without sin.

6. The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God.

7. The bodily resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of our resurrection; his ascension to the Father, and his reign and mediation as the only Saviour of the world.

8. The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ.

9. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance, unites us with Christ through new birth, empowers our discipleship and enables our witness.

10. The Church, the body of Christ both local and universal, the priesthood of all believers – given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit’s gifts to worship God and proclaim the gospel, promoting justice and love.

11. The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.