## Application for membership of A Rocha Australia

Please use this document if you wish to become a member of A Rocha Australia Inc., with rights for voting and opportunity to become an office-holder.

To apply for membership please email a completed copy of this entire document to australia@arocha.org

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

Couples may apply and if they become members, they will be counted as two members, each with voting rights.

# **A. Membership Application**

1. **Contact details:**

Applicant’s name:

*(If applying as a couple, please give both names)*

Address:

Email(s):

Phones: Work: Home: Mobile:

Social media (optional):

1. **Getting to know you**

Church attended:

Qualifications and skills that may be relevant to the work of A Rocha Australia:

Summary of interest or involvement in nature conservation:

1. **Declaration (essential)**
* I accept the A Rocha Australia objects, mission statement and core commitments, and believe in A Rocha Australia’s basis of faith (see Appendix 1 attached).
* I acknowledge that I am bound by the rules of A Rocha Australia in all matters pertaining to the organisation.
* I accept the A Rocha Australia privacy statement (see Appendix 2 attached).

 ………………………………………………………………………………. Date: ……………………

 (Signature) *(both to sign if applying as a couple)*

1. **A current member of A Rocha Australia must nominate you:**

I nominate ……………………………………………………………… for membership of A Rocha Australia.

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(Current member’s signature) (current member’s name – Printed)

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| If you do not know a current A Rocha member please tick this box and a director will contact you to discuss your membership request. |  |

1. **Payment of the entrance fee** must accompany this application

*Note: an entrance fee is charged instead of an annual membership fee.*

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| **Type of membership**  | **One-off entrance fee** |
| Adult | $50 |
| Concession card holder | $20 |
| Couples without concession  | $70 |
| Couples with concession  | $30 |
| Associate member, i.e. under 18 years | *Please use the separate application form for an associate member* |

 **Entrance fee payable:**  $ \_\_\_\_\_

 **Plus donation** (optional) $ \_\_\_\_\_

# **B. Finance & Payments**

**Please complete this section to arrange your payment as part of applying for membership of A Rocha Australia. You can also make a voluntary donation.**

**Your Name** ……………..……………..…………….. **Email Address** ……………..…………………..………………

**Your payment options** (please tick your choice):

 A single one-off Electronic Funds Transfer, please transfer the total amount to this bank account:

**Account Name: A ROCHA AUSTRALIA INC
BSB: 313-140
Account No.: 12356990**

***Note:******It is essential that you quote your name in the "payee information" text box****, or we will not know who paid us. Please double check the account details as it may not be possible to reverse a payment into an incorrect account.*

 By Cheque/Money Order (Payable to ‘A Rocha Australia Inc’, mailed to c/ St Nicholas Anglican Church, 17 Kinghorne St Goulburn NSW 2580).

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| 1. **Entrance fee to become a member** (please tick your choice):

 $50 (adult) $70 (couples without concession) $20 (concession card holder) $30 (couples with concession) $ …………… |
| 1. **Making a donation to the work of A Rocha Australia** (optional):

**How much is your gift?**  $ ………….. |
| **TOTAL payment (A + B) $ …………..** |

 Please send me information about leaving a gift in my will. **Thank you**.

**Appendix 1**

**A Rocha Australia objects, mission, commitments and basis of faith**

## 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.

**Appendix 2**

**A Rocha Australia 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 applicable and reasonably possible. In particular, A Rocha Australia will not publish or forward your details to any third party without your consent. Please see our privacy policy link on <https://australia.arocha.org/get-involved/membership/>