



## **ArtSound Membership Policy**

This policy concerns the principles of financial membership, the rights and responsibilities of financial members within the organisation, and the rights and responsibilities of ArtSound to financial members.

### **Membership of ArtSound**

ArtSound is a voluntary, non-profit organisation whose major objective is to operate a community radio broadcasting station to service people in the Canberra region with an interest in the arts and music. All members and volunteers of ArtSound are expected to share this basic commitment.

Membership is open to all individuals and companies who apply for membership and pay the appropriate membership fee.

The ArtSound Board will approve or deny applications for membership in accordance with the process in our Constitution and will consider membership applications at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Board will approve the application, unless the Board reasonably determines that the applicant does or will not support the purposes of ArtSound, or the Board reasonably believes the applicant would not comply with ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, or policies.

Membership runs from 1 November of each year until 31 October. Members have until 31 December to renew their membership. If membership is not renewed by that time, the membership will lapse and a new application for membership is required.

### **Rights of members**

Members have the right to:

- Become actively involved in the management, operation, and/or promotion of ArtSound, including volunteering at the station (although under no obligation to);
- Vote at annual general and special general meetings;
- Nominate for a position on the Board of Management at the Annual General Meeting;
- Call for a Special General Meeting in accordance with the procedures set out in ArtSound's Constitution.

### **Obligations of members**

Members have the responsibility to:

- Accept and comply with ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, and policies
- Keep themselves informed of ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, and policies;
- If they want to volunteer, sign a Volunteer Agreement Form; and, if their application to volunteer is accepted, abide by the policies relevant to volunteers;
- Promote the objects of ArtSound in whatever way they can and, as the opportunity arises, to try to be effective ambassadors for ArtSound in other local community organisations to which they belong and in the wider local community generally;
- Support the policies of ArtSound as endorsed by the Board of Management.

### **Rights of ArtSound**

ArtSound has the right to:

- Expect members to be aware of and comply with ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, and policies;
- Encourage members to become actively involved in the station;

- Discipline (including suspend or expel) members who are guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of ArtSound or who breach the by-laws or policies, in accordance with the provisions of ArtSound's Constitution and policies.

### **Obligations of ArtSound**

ArtSound has the responsibility to:

- Ensure that due procedure is observed in issuing official statements;
- Ensure that ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, and policies are freely available to members;
- Apply and abide by ArtSound's Constitution, by-laws, and policies;
- Protect members' rights to participate fully and effectively in ArtSound's affairs;
- Consider suggestions and comments made by members;
- Convene a Special General Meeting when at least 10 members of ArtSound call for one in accordance with the provisions of ArtSound's Constitution;
- Maintain a register of members.

### **Resignation of members**

A member may resign from ArtSound at any time by written notice, with effect from the date the notice is received.