

## **Bylaw - Membership**

### **Terms and Conditions of Membership - 2016**

These bylaws are Terms and Conditions for membership of the party not contained in the party constitution.

#### **1. Membership Categories**

- a. General (18+)
- b. Junior - (16 - 17)
- c. Life - (Approved by resolution of a State or Federal Conference or Special General Meeting (SGM))

#### **2. Membership Criteria**

People applying for membership must:

- a. be an Australian Citizen
- b. be at least eighteen (18) years of age and eligible to vote in Australia
- c. not have been charged with an electoral offence within five (5) years of membership application
- d. not be a member of another political party.
- e. within one year of resigning membership with another political party obtain approval for membership from the party Secretary or Executive
- f. agree to all terms and conditions of membership
- g. agree with the constitution and mission statement of the Party

#### **3. Membership Fees**

- a. Membership fees are to be paid annually (unless initial membership application conditions state otherwise)
- b. Financial membership expires on joining date in the year of expiry.
- c. The Federal Executive may alter membership fees when necessary and offer "Special Memberships"
- d. No refunds are given after membership has been formally accepted and receipt issued
- e. Cheques for payment of fee to be made out to "Australian Country Party"
- f. Junior members become general members upon turning eighteen (18) years age where general membership fees will apply at the next renewal cycle.
- a. Members whose membership has elapsed will remain an un-financial member of the party for one (1) year after expiry or membership is paid in full. A member who is un-financial is not eligible to vote at branch meetings or conferences.

### Membership Fees

General:	\$20.00 for one (1) year \$60.00 for four (4) years
Junior:	\$5.00 for one (1) year

#### **4. Membership Acceptance**

The Federal or State Executive may accept, reject or reconsider any membership application. It's decision shall be final and conclusive.

This document has been ratified/amended by the Federal Executive on: 03/06/2015