



## **ARONAH Donation Policy**

ARONAH has been established to develop an independent register of Naturopaths and Herbalists, which aims to mirror government requirements for the regulations of health practitioners and to establish minimum standards of education and practice for naturopathy and herbal medicine.

In order to maintain its independence and transparency, ARONAH has developed the following policy in regards to the solicitation and acceptance of donations:

### **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

1. ARONAH will accept donations from donor who share the beliefs and aspirations of ARONAH.
2. Donations may be made by individuals, corporations, foundations and other legal entities.
3. All donations will be used by ARONAH to fund all activities related to the development of an independent register of naturopaths and herbalists and the establishment of minimum standards of education and practice for naturopathy and herbal medicine.
4. If a donor prescribes a particular purpose or use for a donation, the proposed purpose or use must be appropriate to, and consistent with the objects, functions and character of ARONAH and must not require ARONAH to act contrary to law or public policy or in an unethical manner.
5. Donations must not be linked to a requirement for ARONAH to endorse any external policies, products or services.
6. The expenditure of funds received through donations shall be agreed upon by the board.
7. All solicitation of fundraising by members of the board must be approved by the board.
8. ARONAH is not influenced by the receipt of donations from any source.
9. ARONAH's intangible intellectual assets, including the ARONAH name and logo, will be protected at all times. Donors will not be permitted to use ARONAH's name or logo for any commercial purpose or in connection with the promotion of any product.

## **ARONAH'S DISCRETION TO REFUSE DONATIONS**

10. ARONAH will not accept donations from political parties or overseas sources.
11. ARONAH has the discretion to refuse donations if there is a conflict of interest with the objectives and work of the board as an independent organisation.
12. ARONAH will not accept donations where the donor may exploit their association with ARONAH for personal gain.
13. ARONAH has the discretion to refuse donations where because of its source, conditions or intended purpose, ARONAH may be subject to adverse publicity.
14. ARONAH has the discretion to refuse donations which may impair its reputation or capacity to carry out its objectives
15. ARONAH has the discretion to refuse any donations where the sources of funds are inconsistent with ARONAH's missions.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF DONATIONS**

16. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer/Donations Officer to monitor all donations.
17. All reviews of funding and donations must be documented. Documentation of difficult decisions, particularly those in which consensus was not reached, should be detailed.
18. ARONAH will comply with the prevailing rules and regulations of the Australian Taxation Office when accepting donations.
19. ARONAH is not recognised as a Deductible Gift Recipient by the Australian Taxation Office and therefore donations are not tax deductible.
20. All donations will be conducted in an open and transparent manner.
21. ARONAH is bound by the Privacy Act 1988. All information gathered in the normal course of accepting donations are subject to ARONAH's privacy policy.
22. ARONAH will maintain confidentiality regarding gifts, fundraising proposals and negotiations until they have been approved by the board or at request of the donor.
23. ARONAH will maintain complete control of funds once they have been donated.