

Code of Ethics for a General Member

Arboriculture Australia™ is the peak national body for professional tree workers, arborists, tree managers, urban forestry workers and utility vegetation managers across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. Arboriculture employs over 67,000 workers across an industry cited to have significant skills shortage and has a turnover greater than four billion dollars annually.

Arboriculture Australia™ is a registered not-for-profit, membership-based organisation with its administration office located in Adelaide, South Australia where it provides a wealth of administrative support to its membership, committees, state-based associations and the Board of Directors.

Arboriculture Australia™ supports members from every facet of the industry through a myriad of key initiatives, including education and is firmly focused on raising standards and safety for the industry. It shares a global responsibility to raising the public awareness of the importance of trees in our society. Arboriculture Australia™ is the organiser of world class events such as Branched Out. Arboriculture Australia™ also administers the Australian Arborist Industry Licence program and is the publisher of The Bark™ and the Minimum Industry Standards series. It is through Arboriculture Australia's key initiatives it aims to make the industry larger, safer and more rewarding.

General membership of Arboriculture Australia™ is available to any natural person. It is a condition of membership that you agree to comply with and be bound by this Code of Ethics.

1. Obligations

As a General Member, you agree to:

- 1.1. promote the benefits and importance of trees;
- 1.2. advance the professional standing of arboriculture;
- 1.3. take appropriate actions to minimise harm to trees;
- 1.4. deal with customers and the public with honesty and integrity;
- 1.5. treat fellow arborists and allied professionals with due respect;
- 1.6. truthfully and accurately represent the benefits of any product or service I provide;
- 1.7. undertake my arboricultural duties with regard for myself, other workers, the public, and the environment;
- 1.8. undertake all work to a standard and in a manner that meets or exceeds current Codes of Practice, Australian Standards and Best Management Practices amongst professional arborists in Australia.

2. Responsibilities

In the delivery of their professional services General members must:

- 2.1. Strive to deliver safe and competent services;
- 2.2. Maintain the confidentiality of personal and sensitive information obtained in the course of professional activities unless, except where otherwise permitted or required by law;
- 2.3. Truthfully and accurately represent their education, experience and competence.

3. Statement of Professionalism

As a General Member, I agree that I will:

- 3.1. Strive for excellence in arboriculture and will encourage and assist others to do likewise;
- 3.2. Not make disparaging statements about any fellow member;
- 3.3. Treat all those I deal with on a professional level, with respect and courtesy.

The Board of Directors of Arboriculture Australia Ltd retains the right to terminate membership of the Association, as per rule 5(d) iii of the Constitution of Arboriculture Australia Limited, any member who fails to comply with the Code and in doing so brings or may bring the profession and or the association into disrepute.

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