

**DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

PREAMBLE

This philosophy is a statement of the attitude, viewpoint, values and beliefs we have about the types of behaviours that are useful to operate a highly effective voluntary society. Our fundamental guiding principles recognise that members of the Dante Alighieri Society executive committee will commit their voluntary support by attending scheduled meetings, by completing all tasks agreed by them and by actively contributing to the work of at least one of its committees. Our philosophy recognises that members of the executive committee are volunteers and may have competing priorities in their lives. This statement outlines behaviours that executive committee members agree to adopt to ensure we continue to operate effectively and efficiently and to grow the Society in the ACT and beyond.

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1. Be prepared for meetings. Know what the issues are and be prepared to discuss them.
2. Be responsible for actively contributing to the work of the Dante by completing commitments that they have agreed to take and seek assistance from other members where other work or life issues prevent them from completing these commitments. This means we will assist each other to meet our common goals.
3. Be flexible and provide opportunities for all members to contribute to the work of the Dante by openly sharing our knowledge and expertise with each other and by appreciating each other's objectives in being on the Dante executive committee.
4. Recognise our limitations in relation to time and energy available for Dante activities and that individual contributions will vary amongst members.
5. Recognise and respect the diversity amongst members and be responsible for ensuring that we do not overload ourselves individually or as an executive team.
6. Have fun and celebrate our successes

Overall, the Dante Alighieri Society Philosophy recognizes the need for each member of the executive committee to be generous in spirit and to acknowledge that this devotion and commitment exists in all of us.