



Information for Prospective Members

Trove Canberra is a non-profit cooperative, which operates a shopfront in Dickson ACT for members to display and sell their products and for the public to discover local handmade items.

Trove's Vision is to be a leader in the creative community of Canberra, fostering creativity and entrepreneurship at the local level. And our mission is to provide an affordable venue for local Canberra artists, makers and designers to sell their high quality, locally created goods to customers who are looking for unique items and experiences, whilst nurturing a supportive, friendly and fun creative community for Canberra.

Trove Canberra welcomes applications from local designers to join our creative community, allowing you to sell your items in an established store and connect with consumers and other designers.

What does being a Trove Canberra Member mean?

Shop Hours

Trove Canberra is owned, managed and staffed by its members. Members are required to staff one day every calendar month (one full day or two half days). Availability and preferences will be taken into consideration and rosters are completed ahead of time.

Because Trove is a cooperative, members are responsible for its growth and success. All members are required to be active within the Trove Facebook group and involved in Trove by other means (i.e. social media, marketing, rosters, events, attend meetings etc).

Allocation of tasks will be discussed on offer of membership.

Membership and joining fees

There is a one off refundable membership bond of \$200 to become part of the Trove Canberra Cooperative, this will be refunded to you after three months of membership. Should you wish to cease your membership with Trove, two full calendar months notice is required.

The current membership tiers are

Full Bay – \$150/mth
Half Bay – Top: \$105/mth
Half Bay – Bottom: \$75/mth

Fees are to be paid monthly in advance and may be increased/reduced by member majority vote, as circumstances change. This membership fee goes directly into the overheads and expenses of operating the cooperative.

What do I receive as a member?

- **100% of your sales.** Trove Canberra exists solely to benefit its members and takes no commission.
- **One full bay of shelving.** (approximately 800mm wide x 300mm deep x 1790mm high) to display your items. Half bay (top or bottom) options are available for those on a budget or a smaller product range.
- **Ownership of Trove.** You will become one of Trove Canberra's 'owners' and will have input into how Trove Canberra is managed. Each member is involved in the vision, decision-making and running of Trove Canberra.
- **Website exposure.** You will have a designer profile page on Trove Canberra's website.
- **Meet your customers.** The time spent during your store shift directly connects you to the public and your customers.
- **Inclusion to the Trove Canberra Facebook group.** You would be part of a supportive group of like-minded people working towards a common goal.
- **Involvement in Trove Canberra events** such as launch parties, seasonal events, VIP events and networking.
- **24/7 access to sales information.** Our POS system allows you to manage your own stock, view sales and inventory any time you want by logging in at home.
- **Full training.** You will receive full training in all aspects of Trove Canberra (POS system, staffing the shop, managing your stock etc.)

Interested in becoming a member?

If you are interested in the possibility of becoming a Trove Canberra member, please also read our Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy then complete the Application Form. The application form can be returned by email to trovecanberra@gmail.com.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us. We are more than happy to answer any questions you have.