

## The aah! of self-governance

Self-governance requires:

1. Awareness - of things that adversely affect us and our fellow man.
2. Action - putting our own time and effort into supporting our community endeavours to correct those things. (This a satisfying burden as we are creative beings who can build a new reality).
3. Humility - producing personal growth, recognising how attitudes we have, the way we approach things, and the things that we do affect others. This dissolves conflict and avoids generating it. (This is also satisfying, after pushing through the initial discomfort of an ego that can be bruised if we allow it to be. It is a significant achievement!)

If we are free, no one has any right to control us, so we have no option but to control ourselves - if we want to avoid fighting!

If we don't do that, there's no way out of needing external coercive control, and we shouldn't be complaining about being in it.

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If something like this were to form part of any group's introduction and/ or induction package, then it would tell everyone right upfront what's expected and why, without anybody having to preach about it.

When disagreements arise, people only need to be reminded of it. No pompous, difficult, sanctimonious moralisation or back justification is needed later. No obnoxious, corporate change management program need be embarked upon, as it was simply and openly declared to all and sundry when they came in.

Self-governing groups have little difficulty with 1 and 2, but easily founder on 3.

See Trouble in the Merighturong for a worked example.